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001 - Prologue - 1

I was holding onto the ceiling straps of the train while dressed in my usual suit in the morning, in the midst of travelling to my workplace.

My name is Nobuhide Fujiwara, a trivial temporary employee who will celebrate his twentieth birthday soon.

“That’s why..!”

“No way!? Seriously!?”

Upon hearing the cheerful voices of the students sitting on the seats, I couldn’t help but wish.

‘Even if it’s only a little bit, please share your spirit with me.’

Then, I closed my eyes quietly, trying to take a quick nap before the train reaches the next station because I stayed up late last night.

The clinking and clanking, and the shaking of the train tempts me to enter the dreamland.

Before long, the shaking of the train disappeared. Even the feeling of the strap on my right hand disappeared.

What... What is going on?

I can feel a sense of discomfort at my right hand, and when I opened my eyes, my voice leaked out unconsciously.

“Ha?”

Well I can’t help it.

I should have been on the train till a while ago, but now, I’m in a white space.

“Wh-What is this place!?”

“The train! Where is the seat?”

“It’s a lie! Dre... Is it a dream?”

[TL: It is funny why they ask about the seat]

Other than me, there were other people here as well. All of them were equally surprised.

From my rough estimation, there’s about one hundred people here.

I recognize some of them. They were the people who were in the same compartment as me.

The students especially, started to make a ruckus. There were several adults, including me, who were confused as well, but we didn’t kick up a fuss.

It might be because of the experience gained from age... No, it’s probably because there’s already a group of students kicking up a fuss beforehand.

After all, I’m not someone who can speak out in a community.

Anyway, I feel a little relieved since it wasn’t only me who had been transported to this weird place.

“Ho ho ho ho!”

[TL: Santa is here]

I heard the rough laughter of an old man.

‘What was that?’

I thought while looking at the direction where the voice came from.

Naturally, all the people around me also looked at the man who was laughing in this time of emergency.

What we saw was an old man with white hair holding a walking stick. He donned pure white clothing. His face looked like it had been carved from marble, and he has blue eyes that’s hardly seen on the Japanese.

[TL: Jesus Crist is here to take you to the heaven, yeah otaku heaven]

“Everyone, please don’t panic.” The old man tried to soothe us before laughing again. “Ho ho ho ho!”

“What’s so funny?!” One of the students shouted in anger.

Looking at this male student’s sturdy body, it seemed like he had been doing some kind of sports.

‘What a stupid student.’ I thought.

Because this old man in front of us is clearly an abnormal one.

In other words, we should guess that our current situation has something to do with this weird old man.

Furthermore, if I were to explain this in detail... There’s close to one hundred people on this space. There is no way a human’s power would be able to transfer this many people in an instant.

If there’s someone who can do it, then he would be...

“ Ho ho ho! I am sorry.” He didn’t seem to be reflecting even though he was apologizing, and laughed again.

The student from before wanted to complain again, but was held back by the boy who was wearing the same uniform as him. It seems like they were classmates.

As expected, it seems like there are some people who know that there is something special about this old man.

The old man started to talk again.

“I was the one who transferred you here.”

That remark was no good.

For the people who haven’t realized that this old man is a special existence, it will just add fuel to the fire.

“Wh....! Don’t fuck with me! Return us back now!”

“That’s right! Bring us back!”

In some places, voices that asked to return back were heard.

Looks like there are people who can’t understand the current situation... I sighed.

Now then, what should I do?

We should avoid angering the old man by all means, because it can be said that the old man holds our fates in his palm.

Now then, what should I do?

..... I have decided. Even though it’s impolite, I have no choice but to do it.

“I... I am sorry!!” I kneeled and placed both of my hands on the ground, and put my head on ground.

That’s right, I am performing a dogeza.

[TL: wonder which Dogeza he do]

“Please, forgive our rude behavior!” With a voice louder than anyone else in this place, I apologized to the old man.

The entire area became quiet.

Because my head was touching the ground, I didn’t know that everyone was looking at me in wonder.

When I think so, I feel awful.

“Please, please, forgive us! Have mercy!” I begged.

Well, whatever. Anyway, all I have to do is apologize to the old man in order to not spoil his mood.

Then, I heard the sound of laughter.

What a cruel thing.

A small laugh started to spread out like a ripple in the calm water, and the laughter starting rising from everywhere.

“Pfftt, this person is really doing a dogeza! This is the first time I’ve ever seen it!”

“Seriously, it’s so lame!”

“I can’t stop laughing!”

Furthermore, I can hear humiliating words here and there.

Is this what they call youth?

But, I still continued lower my head. This is called the stubbornness of an adult.

And then, when a voice spoke to me, all the students who were laughing at my apparently absurd act stopped immediately.

It was the voice of the old man

“You can raise your head.”

“Ye-Yes!” I replied.

As told, I raised my head.

“Ho ho ho. You didn’t need to do this since I didn’t mind it at all. Now, it will be better if you stand up too.” The old man stated.

“Ye-Yes! Excuse me!” I did as ordered.

I feel grateful for the old man words.

It seem like he has a broad mind.

“Fufu, it was pointless. So, don’t mind.”

I stood up while hearing that brown haired brat's annoying remark.

“Well, it seems like everybody has calmed down now, so I can continue my story.” The old man said.

Right now, the situation had calmed so much that it was hard to believe that there was commotion not long ago.

Everyone was listening to the old man's story. After all, we can't do anything if we don't know anything.

"Now then, I will introduce myself first. I am God." He declared.

[TL: In Morgan Freeman voice.]

[ED: Try David Attenborough too.]

Everyone was stunned by his introduction.

As expected. However, when it came from his own mouth, I was stunned as well.

"Wh... What?! How come a god's with us..?!" When that sports student heard the word god, he started to shout.

I don't know if it's because of pride or something, but do you think it's cool to have such an attitude towards a god?

"Fumu... Well, it's because you guys will be living in another world." He announced.

Everyone exclaimed with the word 'Ha?', because they can't understand the words of the god.

Gradually, they started to understand the words of the god.

The meaning was, he wasn't the god which resided in the world where Japan was.

"Don't said something so convenient!"

"This is tyranny!"

The dissatisfaction started to rise from one end to the other, but the god only answered with a laugh.

It’s a waste of time no matter what you say to the god. Before long, the voices of complaint weakened.

And then, a female student called out to the god with a loud voice.

“Ano..!”

At that, everyone calmed down once again.

“Un... Until when..?” She asked timidly.

“Until you die.” When he replied the question of the female student, the answer rubbed some people the wrong way.

“Don’t fuck with me!” The anger wasn’t from only one person, but many.

However, it didn’t result in violence since they feared the title of god.

Even though they raised their voices to complain, it was only to preserve their pride because it was allowed earlier.

I didn’t imitate them, and just watched them from the side.

And then, the god said something after laughing again.

“I am not joking with you. After all, everyone here was going to die because of a train derailment.”

A huge bomb was dropped by the god like it was nothing.

[TL: *baddum tess]

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“We were supposed to die..? After a train derailment?”

“Yo-You are kidding, right?”

Words of unrest started to escape from everyone’s mouths.

They didn’t believe the words from the god. No, they didn’t want to believe it.

I’m the same too.

Death.... I thought it would be a story that would only be told in the far future.

“That is the truth. I can return all of you back to your original world, but... Do you want to return just to die?” The god asked with a friendly expression.

When he put it in that way, there was no way we could complain anymore.

I could only feel appalled after that.

“Excuse me, I wonder if it is okay..?” An office worker-like man raised his hand and asked for permission from the god to ask a question.

“You may speak.” The god nodded.

“I took the train with my co-worker. Although I can’t find her here, is it correct to say that she is alive?” He asked.

“Umu. Your guess is right.” The god replied.

“I see... Thank you.” The office worker lowered his head politely.

Upon looking at his joyful face, it was obvious that he felt relieved. Looking at how much more worried he was about his co-worker, and it was a woman to boot, than about himself... She’s probably someone that he likes. He would probably be called a good guy.

[TL: here is the teaching boy, good guy never get the girl.]

“Then, let’s get back to the topic. As I said just now, you will be sent to a

different world. You can refuse it. However, at the same time, you will die in your original world.” The god explained.

There was no one who rejected his proposal.

Thus, the explanation continued.

“The place where you will go to is something like the medieval ages in your world. However, with the exception of humankind, there are also various races who have their own languages. There is magic on that side as well.”

“Su-Such a world... It’s dangerous..!”

“It’s certainly dangerous, but there are no demons...” The god lifted up his cane after speaking.

Immediately, there were hundreds of cards with the equal height and width forming a line floating in the air next to the god.

The crowd started stirring and fidgeting. Everybody was surprised by the miracle they saw for the first time.

Only the backs of the cards were facing everyone.

“I’ll give you a power. The power that I will give to you is written on these cards. There are abilities, weapons, and positions. What is written on the card that you pull will be your power from now on. Well, it will be much easier if you actually try it.” The god waved his hand. “—— Here!”

Before I noticed it, one of the students already stood in front of the cards.

“E-Eh? The male student panicked.

It was teleportation.

After witnessing another miracle with our own eyes, everyone, including me, held their breaths.

“You can choose from one of these cards. The card that you pick will be the ability that will be bestowed unto you.” The god stated.

“Eh?! Why!? Why me!?” The male student shrunk back at his unexpected role.

It was not surprising. There might be some danger for the first player after all.

I gave my condolences from the depths of my heart. However, I wouldn't want to be his substitute.

"If you don't choose, would you like to be sent to another world without any abilities at all?" The god asked.

"Eh, no! Wait! ...Then, then... This one!" The boy hurriedly took one of the cards and flipped it up after hearing that remark from the god.

What was written was.

"Spear talent, big..?" He muttered.

However, I wasn't able to hear him because his voice was too low.

Then the god said.

"Spear talent, big. That's the ability to excel in using spears. Then ___"

With a "paa" sound and a flashing light, the student disappeared the very next moment.

"That person just now has already been sent to the other world. You don't need to worry. I will not suddenly send you to a dangerous place. I will send you to a place where you can receive assistance from the very beginning. I will also be considerate and pair you with a different person who pulled a lower grade card." The god assured us. "Ah, that's right. I have not shared the reason for doing this. This is just a trivial experiment. When you go reach the other world, I will not intervene. Now then, if you don't have any useless questions for me to answer... I want to move everyone quickly."

Then, a new person appeared right in front of the cards. He was slightly panicked after watching the affair from before, and picked a card before the god said anything. Then, he left this place after another blinding ray of light appeared.

From there on, one after another, the work was carried out silently, probably because everyone understood that this situation was unavoidable.

Occasionally, some people shouted that they wanted to redo their picking, but nothing happened.

...What kind of the bad card made those people want to redo the selection? This made me anxious.

Before long, the hundred people who were here had decreased to twenty.

I haven’t been called up yet.

I started to get used to the shimmering light around me.

Ten more people disappeared, but I was still here.

I am not so stupid as to not be able to understand the present situation. From the original one hundred people, was it an accident that I was one of the last ten remaining?

I think that the answer is no.

Also, there was another person remaining, the office worker who spoke politely to the god.

It was clearly intentional.

I wonder what the meaning of this might be.

“God! I apologise for my impoliteness so far!” A student did a dogeza.

Amongst all of the people, the only ones left were the office workers, me and the male student, which caused the student to worry.

[TL: I think it mean that from all that 10 people, 9 was office worker and only 1 student]

Now, there were only the office workers and I left. When I thought about it, it must be because of our behaviour.

But then, the person who was chosen to pick the next card was the student.

“You should hurry up and choose.” The god didn’t answer him and just said this indifferently.

When the male student saw this, he was displeased and choose the card before disappearing.

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I wonder if that's what it is, a nice moment to present unjustified hostility.

Afterwards, one after another, they disappeared. What remained were me and the polite office worker.

Is my turn next, or is it the one after that?

Cold sweat started to soak my back as I wondered, and I gulped audibly.

Incidentally, the office worker and I didn't come to face to face so far because the god strictly prohibited whispering.

I think it would be awkward too, if we looked at each other and talked. I think the other party was also thinking the same thing.

It could be said that we can read each other's minds.

The next one who was called to draw a card was the office worker.

"Fumu... Good. So it turned out like this..." The god murmured to himself.

Then, the number of cards decreased quickly.

"Before, the cards you can select ranged from 1 star to 10 stars. If your ability is powerful, there will be many stars accorded to it, and vice versa for the ones with low number of stars." The god explained. "For the two of you, I will remove all the cards that have less than three stars."

As I expected, there was a significance as to why we were the only ones left.

"...Is it because I kneeled and apologized?" I asked.

"No. It's because you guys realized ahead of time that this situation is significant. That is what makes you different from those who were chosen earlier." The god replied.

There was nothing more to be said, and the office worker chose his card and disappeared.

Before I realised it, I had already been teleported to face the cards.

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“Well, it’s your turn now.” The god stated.

As the god said this, all of the cards in front of me flipped up.

Oou.... What service is this? Surely, it is not to choose as many as I like, right?

I feel somewhat sorry for the other people who had to choose with the cards facing down.

“As I said to the person before, there are a lot of abilities with many stars.

Now, you can choose one from anything you like. Of course, you don’t need to worry about the time. Unlike the rest, you can take your time to choose.” The god instructed.

“Y-Yes!” Probably because I was too fired up, I answered excitedly in front of the god.

Nevertheless, there are a lot of cards here.

I checked what’s on the left side first.

【Sword Skill】【Small】【★】

【Sword Skill】【Middle】【★★】

【Sword Skill】【Big】【★★★】

【Sword Skill】【Extra big】【★★★★】

Strangely, even though there was some distance, I could see what was written on it clearly.

At the left is the [Sword Skill] line, and at the right are the lines for [Spear Skill] and [Bow Skill]. They were cards on how to use the respective weapons.

Oh, there’s also something like this.

【All-Weapon Skill】【Small】【★★】

【All-Weapon Skill】【middle】【★★★】

【All-Weapon Skill】【Big】【★★★★】

【All-Weapon Skill】【Extra Big】【★★★★★】

However, the [Small] one was two stars, while the [Extra Big] one was five stars.

Because it was said that the maximum number of stars was ten, this five star card makes the ability seem unreliable.

I shifted my gaze to the next cards.

Physical strength, horse-riding... There are various training cards lined up which I ignored. Then, I start to pay attention to the next few.

【The ability of Fire Magic】【Small】【★★】

【The ability of Fire Magic】【Medium】【★★★】

【The ability of Fire Magic】【Big】【★★★★】

【The ability of Fire Magic】【Extra Big】【★★★★★★】

Magic.... This word made me excited.

When looking at the number of stars on the side, Magic>Weapon since they have much more stars than the ones from the weapon system When I continued looking, I found that there were Fire, Water, Wood, Metal, and Earth systems. There were also others, like Wind, Thunder, Light, Darkness, and Summon.

In addition, there are similar cards of another magnitude as well. Like...

【All Magic Ability】【Small】【★★★★】

【All Magic Ability】【Medium】【★★★★★】

【All Magic Ability】【Big】【★★★★★★】

【All Magic Ability】【Extra Big】【★★★★★★★】

Ooh, this is amazing!

The [Small] was four stars while [Extra Big] was seven stars.

It was the one with the highest number of stars till now.

Even though he was yearning for supernatural power like magic, he decided to keep this aside for now, and shifted his line of sight.

“....Pftt!” While in front of the god, I unconsciously let out a burst of laughter.

It was because...

【Common sword】【★】

This is foul play.

Surely, even if I get this, I will be in trouble as well. In addition, the next one was....

【Pretty Good Sword】【★】

There was no difference in stars between [Common Sword] and [Pretty Good Sword]. In other words, you can think of [Common Sword] as more worthless than one star.

If one day I pulled such a card... Ah, I got it.

The people that wanted to redo the drawing, they probably drew something like this.

When I looked at the other cards near it, there was also a [Common Shield] card with it. Of course, it was also a one star card.

By the way, this is what the other cards in the sword system looks like.

【Hero Sword】【★★】

【Sword of Valor】【★★★】

【Legendary Sword】【★★★★★】

Only [Legendary Sword] has many stars, while [Sword of Valour] has the same number of stars as [The ability of Fire Magic] [Medium].

However, no matter how good the sword is, it all depends on the user.

Well, I wonder what this [Legendary Sword] is. There seems to be a description written on it.

[A sword that carries the power of nature. When you wish for it, it can cast magic.]

I see. It’s a sword that surpasses other swords. If it’s like this, I am convinced of its five star tier abilities.

However, I don’t think I want it, because it only has five stars. If it was compared with the【All Magic Ability】【Extra Big】which has seven stars, the magic inside it seems quite weak.

Next to the sword line is another weapon line. Afterwards, there is a protective gear line. Next to that were medicine and miscellaneous stuff. After all of that was over, there were cats and dogs, as well as other animals such as horses or sheep lined up.

For example there were horses like this...

【Common Horse with saddle】【★】

【Good Horse with saddle】【★】

【Excellent Horse with saddle】【★】

【Rare Horse with saddle】【★★】

After reading the explanation, it seems like the animal will unconditionally become your pet.

By the way, all the cat cards were one star.

Soon, all the names changed into something related fierce beasts. All of these creatures were something I heard from stories and fairy tales.

Then, the animal system cards ended with something like this.

【Red Dragon】【★★★★★★★】

It seems quite dangerous. In the first place, even if I have a dragon as my pet, it will be a problem to find food for it. Thus, it’s out of the question.

With this, the cards from the animal system ended.

Finally, the end was in sight. There were only a few more cards left.

What was next was this...

【Status Open】【★★★★★】

【Become a Hero】【★★★★★★】

【Become a Man of Valor】【★★★★★★】

【Become a Demon King】【★★★★★★★★】

【Become a Dungeon Master】【★★★★★★★★】

The difference in stars was so obvious.

I mean what is [Status Open]?

【Status Open】【★★★★★】

[The ability to look at the status of oneself and other people. It can clarify everything from the three sizes to hidden talents to diseases.]

[TL: Damn I want this ability]

Oh, this might be quite a good one. If I was a doctor, it would be quite a handy ability.

On the other hand, I better not touch【Become a Hero】, 【Become a Man of Valor】, or【Become a Demon King】.

【Become a Dungeon Master】description....

[Become a Dungeon Master and create the strongest dungeon by using the souls of the explorers who died in the dungeon to produce strong monsters.

Because the quality of the souls are important, please use the carrot and stick policy properly. Kill them after you grow them up!]

[TL: Tales of Wickedly Viciously Underground Empire]

Urgh... What a dangerous ability. It’s an impossible ability for me who lived in a peaceful nation.

Other than this...

【Become a Minister】【★★★】

【Become a Lord】【★★★★★】

【Become a King】【★★★★★★★】

I wonder why they put that many stars for【Become a King】.

It has even more stars than [Become a Man of Valor]. After all, the king is someone who establishes a country and rules over it.

As they say, two hands can't win against four hands. Even if their class is [Man of Valor], they still can't oppose the king.

In other words, individual ability isn't worth that much. In fact, the power of magic might be much weaker than what I imagined in the real world.

There were still some cards remaining.

【Instant Healing Ability】【★★★★★★★★★★】

【Eternal Youth】【★★★★★★★★★★】

There were so many stars that I needed to count them one by one.

The number of stars was ten. In other words, these are the best abilities.

Both of them were abilities that are connected to life. I can't help but say that these are splendid abilities.

【Instant Healing Ability】can be used when my life is at risk.

【Become Eternal Youth】would allow me to live forever.

However, there was another card with ten stars as well.

It was the last one.

[TL:God, Finally it almost finished.... I am seeing a lot of star right now....]

【Ability to Make a Town】【★★★★★★★★★★】

.....I wonder what this [Ability to Make Town] is. I read the description.

【This ability is as its name suggests. With the initial 100 billion yen, the money will be converted into building a town. The time will be set in the early Edo era. When the population exceeds ten thousand people, you will need to invest 1 trillion yen to move into the modern era. If your population reaches one hundred thousand people, you will need to invest 100 trillion yen... If you run the town well, you will earn money. Let's develop a town!】

[TL-Bot: The TL is resting after looking at too much star and counting zero in

this chp]

...The god said that it was a world with the setting of the medieval era of Europe.

If I think about it carefully, for me who has lived in a modern society, even if I become a king there, it seems like I will have to shoulder a lot of responsibility.

All the conveniences, entertainment, and meals of this civilization... I will run out of it.

Frankly speaking, I can assert that a citizen of the modern society lives a much better life than a king in the medieval era.

As the saying goes, there is no place like home. Since I know about the existence of this card, I want to live in a world filled with those things once again.

“I have decided, I will take this!” Without hesitation, I choose the card【Ability to make a town】.

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“Then, I will send you away.” The god said when I chose the card.

At the same time, I was surrounded by a dazzling light, and closed my eyes.

I wanted to say a few words of thanks to the god, but it seems like I lost my chance. Before long, when I can’t feel the light anymore, I opened my eyes.

“Wow...”

As much as I can see, from one end of the horizon to the other, was an open field.

I glanced around restlessly.

I could see the rough earth that had sparse patches of short grass. When I looked at the sky, I found that it was a magnificent blue unobscured by clouds.

I was attacked by a pressurising feeling, as if I was being crushed.

I don’t see anyone in this vast wilderness. There was only me. It feels like there was only me in this world. My throat was dry, and my legs were shivering in fear.

Then, I suddenly noticed that the card in my hand had already disappeared.

And at that time...

《Please make your Base》

These words floated right in front of my face.

What is this? No, I think I understand it.

Some knowledge suddenly appeared in my mind. It was about [The ability to make town].

For now, I think this word in front of me was created by my mind. According to the knowledge I just received, it’s called [Town Data]

【Town Mayor】Nobuhide Fujiwara

【Funds】100 billion yen

【Setting Era】Edo

【Town】None

When I was wondering what is this floating display was about, a square screen appeared right in front of me.

It showed my [Town Data], which is like a status of my ability.

Well, looking from the top, the name of the [Town Mayor], Nobuhide Fujiwara, was written in ancient script. Because of this, I was being given nicknames like [Daimyo] or [Samurai]. The worst one so far was [Baka-dono].

Next, [Funds] were 100 billion yen. All of these were in the form data and would not be in my hands. I will need to manage this 100 billion yen well to build a town.

As for [Town], there is none since I haven't built one yet.

About this [Setting Era], [Edo] was a commodity from the [Ability to Make a Town] that could be purchased. This means that as long as I pay the appropriate amount of money, I can buy a town with the setting of the Edo era.

Then, what would happen if I want to buy modern stuff? Of course, modern stuff will not be available in the Edo era. In order to fill the gap of the era, I would need to pay one hundred fold of the original price.

For example, if I wanted to buy a ten yen candy bar, I would need to pay a thousand yen for it.

Then, how should I change the [Setting era] to [Modern Era]?

That was already explained in the card description, I would need to invest 1 trillion yen. By the way even though I said invest, it was merely the funds in the data that would disappear.

I wonder if 1 trillion yen is considered high or low? However, it is still an enormous sum for a single person.

Now then, I decided to follow the instructions and make a base first.

I touched the [Merchandise Catalog] below [Town Data].

Products

- Buildings
- Furniture
- Food
- Cookware
- Clothing
- Vehicles
- Miscellaneous Goods
- Entertainment
- Military Affairs

From this, I selected [Buildings].

Buildings

- Edo Building
- Heisei Building
- Future Building

For the time being, I chose the [Edo Building].

- Castle
- Samurai’s House

- Commoner’s House
- Others

I chose [Castle].

[Edo Castle] 100 billion yen.

Too expensive.

Beside it was [Osaka Castle] costing 80 billion yen, and others also with stupid high prices forming a line.

I pressed back, and chose [Samurai’s House].

There were sample images of mansions displayed in a row.

At the top was one mansion with the size of one thousand tsubo with the price 100 million yen. At the bottom was a mansion with the size of a dozen of tsubo with the price several million yen.

[TL: 1 tsubo = 3.3 Meter or 35.6 feet]

I can acutely feel the big difference in hierarchy in the samurai society. Overall, I think it was slightly too cheap. Is it because I got the price of the land for free?

I pressed back again and chose [Commoner’s House] this time.

It was filled with houses with thatched roofs that can found in rural areas. There were also houses like a merchant's house with a tiled roof, and looked like a storehouse. There was also a tenant house that was like an Edo-styled apartment complex filled with numerous rooms.

The sample of variety images were forming a line.

[TL: Peasant House, Merchant House, I can't find one for Tenant House]

The most expensive one exceeded 10 million yen, but it was an affordable price.

Next, I pressed back again and choose [Others] this time.

There were facilities like bathhouses, inns, and other buildings such as shrines and temples lined up. The prices varied too. For example, the big shinto shrine was in the hundred million yen scale.

Well then, now that I've seen all of the buildings in the Edo era; although I was interested in it, my real intention was to a build modern era house as my dwelling.

Therefore, I opened the [Heisei Era] building.

- House
- Facility

I pressed [House] to proceed to the next page.

- Single Family House
- Residential Building

I chose [Single Family House] and proceeded to the next page.

- Wooden Structure.
- Steel Frame Structure
- Steel Reinforced Concrete Structure.
- Prefab House

Of course, I chose [Steel Reinforced Concrete Structure].

It was a fireproof structure, and excelled in earthquake resistance. The demerit was that it cost a lot of money.

From countless houses, I chose a grey colored house with a triangle roof.

Furthermore, I made a specification for the electricity to be running, and made a self-sufficient energy type house.

A complete self-energy type house was, simply put, one that uses a solar cell to generate necessary energy to generate electricity and gas from outside. In this world, it looked like a dreamlike house.

[TL : I have no idea how it can generate gas from solar cell.]

The solar panel's generation capacity is 10 kWh (KiloWatt/hour), and the battery’s capacity is 12kWh. It's rated power value is an excellent 3 kW.

That amount is quite considerable.

The solar panels occupied fifteen tsubo of the roof. And above all, it was very expensive. In addition to the price for the house, the [Solar Panel] cost 400 million yen (listing price 4 million yen), and the [Storage Battery] cost 200 million yen (listing price 2 million yen).

Well, I would still buy it though.

[The completely self-sufficient two-storey house that’s a total of fifty tsubo wide] costs 4.6 billion yen (Listing price 46 million yen).

[Do you want to buy it?] [Yes/No]

I pushed [Yes].

Then, a 3D map of the surrounding area appeared before me. I moved my finger and chose the place to build my house.

The sounds zuzuzuzu and bam made me look at the area around me in surprise.

The grass and soil on the ground were being pushed away, and something with an earth-like colour swelled out slowly.

This would probably become a house..?

A to-be-finished house appeared right before me. For a while, I looked at it, dumbfounded.

「……」

Nevertheless, it is slow. It’s too slow.

According to the knowledge of the ability, it seems like the safety aspect was being considered, so it could only surge up from the mud slowly.

It would likely take thirty minutes or more to form properly.

I looked at it absentmindedly, and to pass my boredom, I opened [Town Data].

From the [Merchandise Catalog], I bought a Pipe Chair under [Furniture] for 30 thousand yen (listing price 300 yen). Furthermore, I also bought a weekly manga magazine under [Entertainment] for 26 thousand yen (Listing price 260 yen) to kill time.

[TL:When the price of chair and manga almost the same….]

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[Funds] 100 billion → 95,399,944,000 yen

Ten minutes later, the house had finally fully risen from the earth. The point where the mud colored structure turned into a house was the best, if I must say.

《Please select your home base》

These new words were floating in front of me.

Thus, I selected the [Map] command.

The map of the surrounding area appeared, and the map of the house that was built just a while ago was flashing.

I touched it.

《Do you want to set it as your base?》 [Yes/No]

Of course, I pressed [Yes].

《A Base has been selected. Please create a town next.》

Just like this, my stronghold was born in the other world.

I ignored the words [Please create a town next], and entered the house.

“OOH....” My voice of admiration leaked out unconsciously.

This was surely a house of the modern era. Even though it was in a different world, this room gave me an incredible sense of security.

But, it’s still not enough.

I turned the faucet. Naturally, water didn’t come out.

I summoned [Town Data], and chose [Home Base]. The drawing of a single house appeared. Then, I chose [Customize] and edited the house.

I added [Well], [Solar Pump], [500L Water Storage Tank], [Water Supply], and [Drainage System] to the new house. For these installations, some of the areas around the house (in 3-D) were shining to indicate the areas where it was possible to do the installations.

First, I tried to establish the [Water Supply]. I created a [Well], and set up the [Solar Pump]. Next, I installed the [Water Pipe] to the [Well], connected it to the [Water Storage Tank], then connected it to house.

With this, I have completed the [Water Supply] system.

But, after completing all this work, I suddenly had a thought.

The water at this place... Is it soft water or hard water?

I have heard that if you drink hard water, you might get a stomachache. Not to mention, you can’t use it with japanese soap.

In fact, the present day tap water contains chlorine. Anyway, when I use this ability, I can purchase soft water for free, so it’s fine.

[Soft Water from the Mountains] 0 yen

Then, what did I build this [well] for? I might have been slightly careless... Well, it’s already too late.

I changed my plans and moved on to the next establishment. I have confirmed on the map that there is a river nearby, so I linked the restroom to the river using a [Drainage Pipe].

Luckily, there was a river nearby. If the river was far, I would need to move around to find it because the map only shows my location and the surrounding areas. It would become a cumbersome thing to do.

Furthermore, I intend to use the [Drainage Pipe] to discharge used water from household use, and water from the toilet into the river. I don’t think it is a good idea to pollute the water too much, but if I just use pure soap and not synthetic detergent, I think there should be no problems. ...I think.

Like this, the [Drainage System] was completed.

So far, I've used 131,600,000 yen. The most expensive one was the [Well] and the [Solar Pump], which cost 100 million yen a set (Listing Price 1 million yen).

Next, I bought furniture for this house. Air Conditioner, Refrigerator, Microwave, Electric Pot, Rice Cooker, TV, Computer, Cookware set, one set of Tableware, Desks, Chairs and a Bed. The total came to 23,400,000 yen (Listing Price 234,000 yen).

At last, it's finally finished.

There is a huge difference in terms of infrastructure between my house and the others of this age.

I breathed out deeply and took off my suit jacket before allowing myself to sink down onto the sofa. Even though I didn't do any particularly hard work, I felt a sense of accomplishment.

For now, the house was complete.

The money left was about around 95 billion yen. The lifetime earning of an average salaryman was around 250 million yen. With the era set at Edo, I have close to four hundred times of their lifetime earnings.

[TL: Ok here is confusing part either the author math is failing him or he just forget to put 2 '00' behind the 4 times. Cause the initial funds was 100 billion.]

With this ability, I can live without any inconvenience from now on.

However, there is something I am anxious about - the existence of foreign enemies.

God said that this world was similar to the Europeans' in the Middle Ages. What if beasts, thieves, and the Lord of this land tried to harm me?

Hmmm... Maybe it was a mistake to build this house so early. I should have done so only after I have collected information on the surrounding areas. I should reflect on this later.

I believe God said "You will be sent to the place where you can build your foundation.". So, is it right to build a house here after all?

At any rate, I need more information.

I stood up from the sofa with gusto and left the house.

I purchased Binoculars costing 350 thousand yen (Listing Price 3500 yen). However, even after looking around all 360 degrees, there was no sign of life in sight, nor even a building. Rather, it feels like this house was isolated in this vast land, which made me uneasy.

But, I have a way to get rid of this uneasiness.

When I entered the house, I summoned [Town Data] while sitting on the sofa. After choosing [Merchandise Catalogue], I chose [Stone wall, Front Gate, Back Gate, and Watch Tower], and chose [20 meters].

I set it to enclose an area of 100m around the house, and purchased it.

After a loud thud sounded, I saw walls rising out slowly from the earth when I looked outside of the window.

It was a stone wall that looked exactly like what was shown in the picture. It was considerably thick. With this, I will not be attacked by foreign enemies easily.

Well, since it was a huge twenty meters wall, it should take around an hour to complete. So, I will take it easy until the stone walls are completely up.

I purchased Potato chips, Cola and a BD movie. I decided to work hard watching the movie.

[‘World of The Dead’ Blue-ray Disc] 450 thousand yen (Listing price 4,500 yen)], [Potato Chips] 8000 yen (Listing price 80 yen), and [500 ml of Cola] 10 thousand yen (Listing Price 100 yen).

[TL: I feel like throwing a brick to this richie rich. I am just a poor Tler after all]

[ED: Same. *bites handkerchief* So jealous!]

Two hours later...

“That zombie thing was great after all.” I commented.

Their stiff bodies raise up as they increase their own numbers and plunge the world in fear. Because of such a simple plot, the viewers’ hearts don’t get stressed since they can predict the story easily. Besides, one won’t get bored

easily because the settings are always slightly different, which makes it still enjoyable.

[TL: not 100% sure of last part.]

I approached the window and looked outside while critiquing the zombie movie.

The huge twenty meters tall stone wall had already fully risen from the earth. It was much bigger than this house.

“Even if the stone wall collapses, it will be alright because it is a considerable distance from the house. Although it cost a lot of money, it’s a majestic wall after all.” I muttered to myself in fascination.

A twenty meters tall stone wall encircling the house.. With this came an incredible sense of security.

But, the cost I paid wasn’t little.

The [Stone wall with front and back gate together with Watch Tower] for [20 Meters] cost 12 billion yen.

Even though I am worried, I think that the remaining amount of funds was still alright in my heart.

Anyway, the initial fund of 100 billion yen has decreased to 83.2 billion yen on the first day I came here.

But, if any problems happen after this, the funds will run out immediately.

Well, to get more funds, I need to have some local merchandise that can be sold. Using the command [Sale], I can then convert the product into cash data.

[TL: So basicly he need to possess the item that he got from this world and using the command [Sale] converting the item to Cash which was only a Data]

However, you can't use [Sell] on other people's items. But, it will become my possession when a buy and sell contract is established.

It is the rule of this ability.

Also, with my ability of [The ability to make a town], I can effectively collect tax from people when they move into the town that's established.

For that reason, I need to have citizens first. But, I also need to establish the town.

Should I gather people first and then build a town? The answer is no.

Frankly speaking, [The Ability to make town] is an abnormal power.

For example, it is like a chicken that can produce a golden egg.

If my ability was exposed to the public, influential people will set their sights on

me.

Besides, I have already built my house here. It will not be possible for me to make a town in another place anymore.

Thus, I summoned the [Town Data] again to properly make a town.

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I chose [Community Building] from the bottom of the [Town data] command. The [Community Building] command was the command to simplify the troublesome work of creating buildings one by one.

When the 3D map of the area surrounding the stronghold appeared before my eyes, it was accompanied by a notification.

《Starting the simulation. Please choose the range.》

In accordance to the navigation, I selected a range of five hundred square meters past the stronghold stonewalls with my finger. Two options appeared before me.

- Building
- Facilities

The [Building] command was properly divided into several blocks that were suitable to build a house. Furthermore, with [Facilities], I could build a sewer and extend it near the river.

Oops, I shouldn’t forget about restrooms.

I heard that the town of Edo at that time was the cleanest city even if you compared it to the whole world.

The reason was because restrooms were installed in various places.

I operated the screen with my finger, and installed restrooms in various places in the town.

Besides making wells and bathrooms, I also built a main road at the center of the town, and built inns and stores around it.

Finally, I widened the range of the town a little bit, and built a stone wall that was five meters tall to enclose the town.

“Like this...” I mumbled.

After much trial and error, I was finally able to complete the town’s blueprint.

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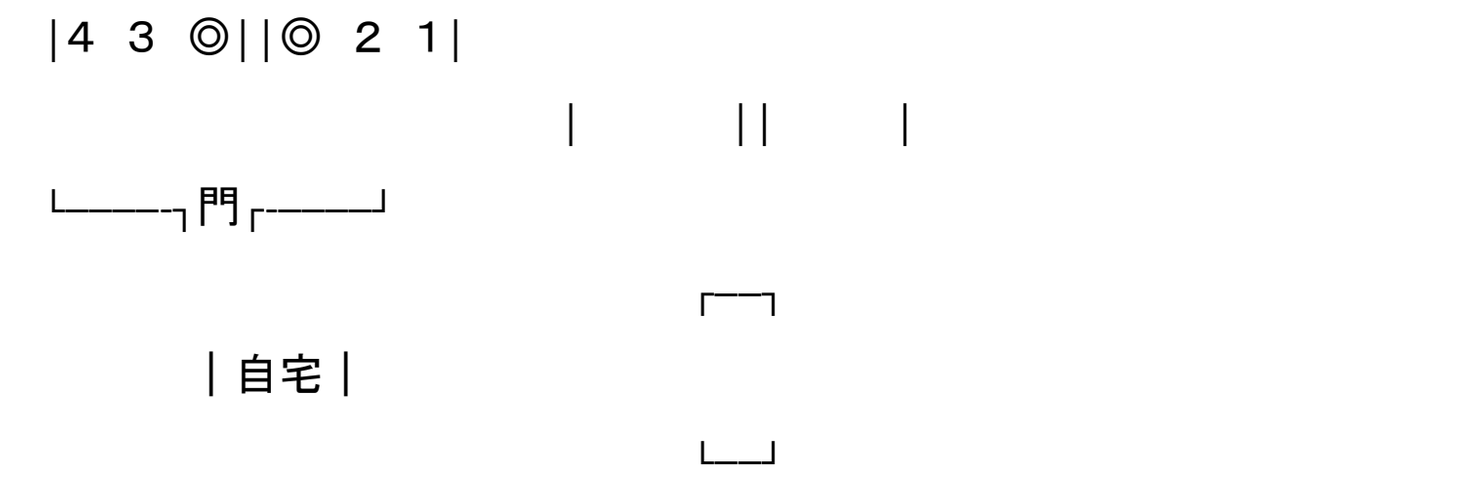


◎……a Store or Inn.

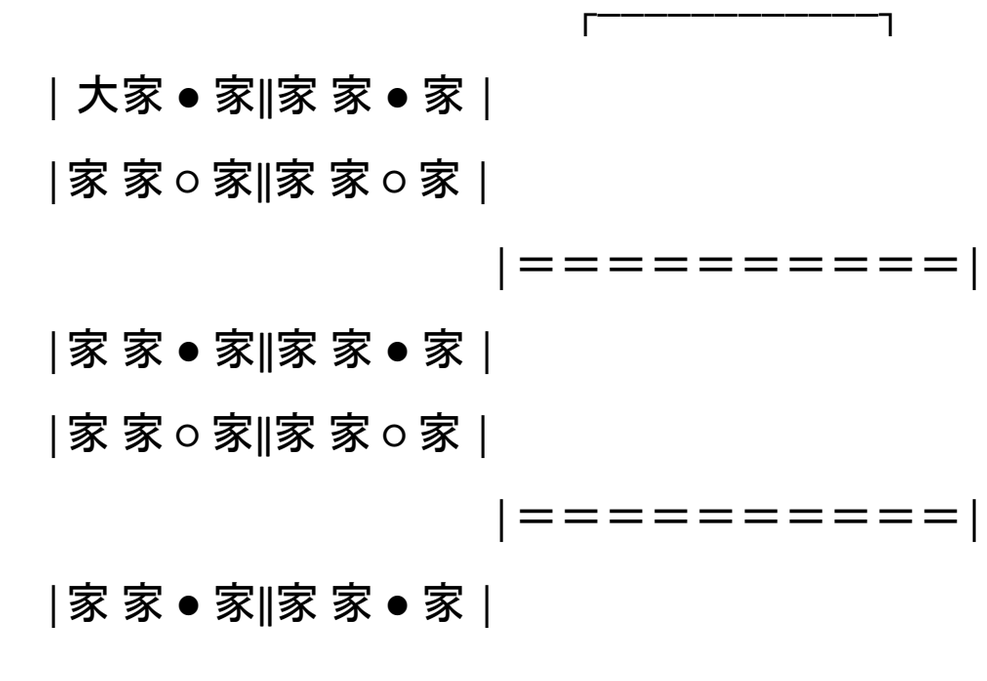
⑬⑯……Vacant lot.

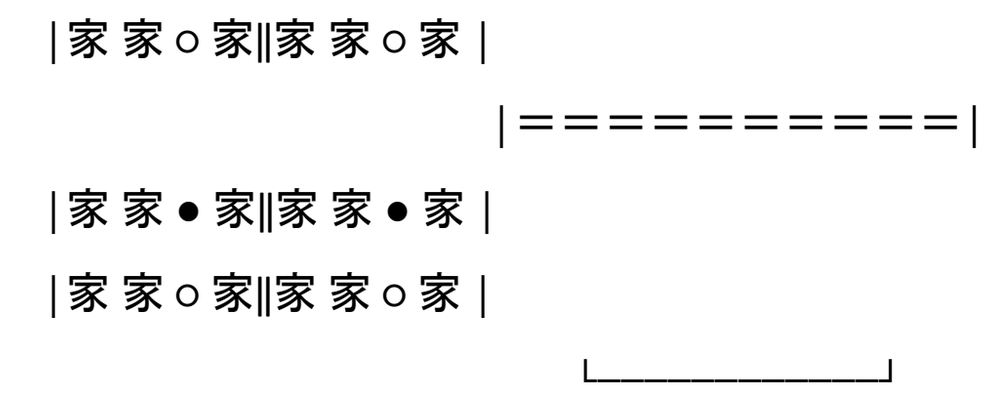
自宅 : Home

[TL: I try my best but it still looks like this.....]

The town, with the exception of the main street, was split into sixteen districts. The thirteenth and sixteenth districts were reserved for potential future use, so I just left them as vacant lots.

Each district has the size of one hundred square meters. Furthermore, the districts were divided into eight parts, and hold a total of forty-seven units of houses.





大家……This is the place where there representative of the district lives.

＝‖…… Road

○…… Well, Bathroom

●..... Toilet

One district was divided into eight divisions, in which a well, a bathroom and a toilet is provided for every six houses.

The size of one single-storey house was sixteen tsubo (approximately fifty-three square meters) on a piece of land that's about one hundred square meters.

I didn't want to repeat the same mistake as the incident where Edo was damaged by the great fire because it was too crowded. That's why it's important to have a well-planned out town to prevent the spread of fire.

Furthermore, although it costs money, the structure of each house was built using roof tiles and earthen mud. I made it like a Japanese storehouse because it has a good reputation of being fireproof. Also, the roof tiles hardly require any maintenance, so you can trust its durability.

With this, the simulation ended. The total expense was 30,153,200,000 yen in spite of it being a small town with six hundred and fifty-eight houses in it. Not to

mention, the stone walls, and houses... Even the sewer cost a lot of money.

With the amount of funds I have on hand, it would be impossible to make a town much bigger than this. However, if the town was to be made any smaller, it would feel unsatisfactory.

After a little bit of thought, I decided to touch the [Complete] button at the corner of the screen.

[Do you want to buy this town?] [Yes/No]

I chose [Yes] with a trembling finger.

After that, I could hear a loud rumbling sound outside of the house.

I ended up buying it. It was a huge spending of 30 billion yen.

The remaining funds were around 50 billion yen. From the initial fund of 100 billion yen, only half of it was left now.

However, it is already too late to regret it.

I purchased a 38 thousand yen beef bowl(Listing Price 380 yen) and had a late lunch while waiting for the town to be completed.

[TL: This guy didn’t have any sense of urgency at all.]

[ED: He’s a spendthrift!]

Several hours later...

After eating my meal, I lied down on the sofa while reading a magazine leisurely, until I heard the rumbling from outside stop.

I immediately left the house to see the town.

“Ooo... So this is my town...” My voice full of admiration leaked out.

Various buildings were spread out from the outskirts of the castle. It looked slightly like a scene from the old days.

I gulped audibly as I continued looking.

This town right in front of my eyes was the town that I’ve built. Even though I am not a god, I feel like I have become something special.

Well then, let’s look around the town right away.

First was the private house.

Umu, it was white. It was styled after a storehouse and used a type of white stone as the main material, and was plastered with mortar as the finishing touch. Because of the white walls and tiled roofs, the house’s atmosphere turned out to be more like the Meiji Era instead of the Edo Era.

However, I don’t have any complaints.

When I entered the private house, there was the earthen room near the front door that could be called a kitchen with a stove installed there. From the front door, there’s also an alcove at the back which contained two rooms where light can shine in from the window.

[TL: Maybe it is something like this]

Next, I went to the public places.

First was the hand-pump well and washing area. Here is where the wastewater passes through the drainage system via a gutter. There was also a dug out ditch enclosed by a wooden border, and lidded with wood again on top of it.

This sewage system was installed throughout the town, and eventually gathers all the waste and sends it to the river outside of the town through the bottom of the gate.

The sewage ditch that came from the town was made to be wide so that it will not clog. Since it was made from stone, it won't break easily either. But, the sewer was only used for wastewater, and not human waste.

I mean, if human waste was discharged into a sealed room like the sewer, the town will stink and an epidemic might occur.

The next one is the restroom.

It was a small hut with four stalls in it. The stalls were divided into two, two stalls with urinals and another two with lavatories.

The stalls with latrines are quite dark, so it will be dangerous if you lose your footing. Thus, when it's nighttime, you'll need to be especially careful.

However, because there was no sewer for the restrooms, you'll need to scoop waste out using a ladle and put it into the bucket, and throw it far away. When residents come to this town, I intend for them to dig a hole far away from the river and bury the waste there.

In addition, the bathroom was a public one of around eight tatami mats in size. They even have goemon bathtubs inside.

[TL: For those who was curious about goemon bathtub]

When I go pass the residential area into the main street, stores and inns were built on the right and left of the twenty meter wide main street.

Umu, this scenery is indeed beautiful.

Like this, when I looked around the whole town, I thought that the ordinary Edo town was amazing.

Anyway, I have built my home, and have also already built a town. With this, I don't have anything to do anymore.

Later, what should I do for the residents who will settle down here..? I intend

to make a future plan while reviewing the present status.

When I think about it carefully, I have already built such an outrageous town without much consideration.

No, I intend to reflect on it.

However, in this absurd situation, I need to retain some composure. To erase my loneliness and uneasiness, I used the skill [The Ability to make town].

That is why, from now on, I need to think more about it in the future, or so I thought while returning back to my home.

While sitting on the sofa, I opened the notebook on the desk and groaned as I held a mechanic pencil in one hand. On the notebook, I wrote [Purpose] of living in another world, [Long term Aim], and [Short term Aim].

First is [Purpose]: To live a peaceful life in another world.

Next would be [Long Term Aim]: To gather funds to make use of the ability to the maximum.

Finally, the [Short Term Aim]: To earn money from the tax from the townspeople.

To conclude [Short Term Aim] and putting it in action...

Umu. how do I get residents? In the first place, where is this place? Is it part of some country, or it is a land without people?

If this place is part of a country, how should I deal with the feudal lord? Do I submit to them, negotiate, or should I... Resist?

Well, there is a [Military Affairs] section in the [Merchandise Catalog]. In the Edo era, matchlock guns already exist. If I have money, I can even buy a tank.

『Awoken from sleep by Jokisen Tea, with only four cups of it, one can't sleep even at night.』

Jokisen can mean steam-powered ship, while four cups can mean four ships. This was from a piece of Japanese Classic Poetry which described the fear of the shogunate when the Americans forced Japan to open herself to the world with only four steamships.

It was the so-called Gunboat Diplomacy.

[TL:Yeah I have some difficult at this part so I just write what I read on the google. If you want more detail on it you can google it]

If this world is like the European Middle Ages, then I may be able to do the same thing as what the Japanese Classic Poetry described.

However, the existence of magic was disturbing. I myself don't like nor want to act like a barbarian.

[TL: Basicly he didn’t want to act with violence.]

Hah, I can’t collect my thoughts...

If there is no one in this land, then residents aren’t needed. So, should I just live leisurely here?

But, what should I do if there are disasters like earthquakes, typhoons, thunder, volcanic eruptions, or tsunami? It’s not like Japan where your life will be guaranteed when there is disaster.

I can only rely on myself. As expected, I want residents if that time comes. It’s the power of united people.

If there’s a town nearby, maybe I can find an orphan or a slave as a candidate to be a resident? Or should I just negotiate with the feudal lord and let them transfer residents here?

Urghh, so complicated…

Hahh... Are there no suffering people who are in need of a place to live popping out of nowhere?

Nevertheless, I believe in what the god said; [I will sent you to the place where you can build your life from the ground]. So, even if I don’t do anything, it will just happen naturally.

No, I need to have a minimum foundation first at least. However, I think that

I’ve already fulfilled the minimum foundation.

Hmmm....

While letting my mind run in circles, I began a staring contest with the notebook and the mechanical pencil in my hands for the whole day.

The conclusion I got was this - tomorrow, I will start to investigate the area around here.

____ Just like this, day turned into night.

When it was night, I entered my bed.

The first night in another world was too quiet. This silence made me feel like I was the only one in this world.

Even though I was wrapped inside my futon, I still feel cold, but it was not because of the temperature.

I didn’t turn off the electricity. Even though it was only a light, I wanted to indulge in modern civilization.

Whatever it is, I wasn’t able to sleep.

The watch on my arm indicated that it was already past 0:00 am.

However, I don’t know if this world has the same twenty-four hour system as

earth, so it might not necessarily be true.

When I tried to close my eyes to sleep, I suddenly had a thought.

Where did everyone go?

Frankly speaking, I am considered blessed because I can go to bed while being surrounded by stuff from the modern civilization.

But, how about them?

Did they arrive at a human’s dwelling?

Did they have a proper meal?

Are they sleeping in a place with a roof?

____Will they feel... lonely?

Thinking about that made me feel so stupid and filled with self-depreciation. Even when I was able to live in such a modern house, I was tormented by sentiment to the point of feeling my chest tighten.

It must be tough for them.

“Do your best.” I murmured while closing my eyes.

...But, because I couldn’t sleep as expected, I got up and stayed up late watching a comedy movie.

007 - Arriving of Townspeople - 1

With a loud bang, the rough earth shook and reverberated.

It was the morning after the first night in a different world.

I went to the back of my house and practiced my marksmanship with a 9mm handgun.

[9mm Handgun], 20 million yen (Listing price 200 thousand yen). This purchase was for self-protection while scouting the surrounding region. There were other handguns called New-Nanbu at half the price, but compared to the 9mm handgun with a nine bullet count, the New-Nanbu only has a bullet count of five. In addition, judging by its price and extent of durability, I've made the 9mm handgun my choice.

[TL: I need to have some gun expert to confirm it to me. While googling around I read that 9mm handgun can have magazine for more than 9 while Nanbu was 7 to 8.]

When I shot the gun for the first time, I was surprised by its recoil, but on the second time, I've started to get the hang of it. It was like the time when one can't lift up a block of gold which weighs twice that of a block of iron on the first attempt. Judging by its size, I only spent a little power to lift it up. The recoil of the gun shows its worth, and experiencing it once with my own body is a good thing.

One bullet was 10 thousand yen (Listing price 100 yen). Whenever I think that 10 thousand yen will disappear each time I shoot, it nearly made me hesitate to

shoot.

However, in a life or death situation, I can't hesitate because of the cost.

Besides the gun, I also bought [Camouflage Combat Uniform (Sand Color)], [Half-Length Boots (Brown)], [Bulletproof Vest], [Helmet], [Goggle (Orange)], [Face Mask], and [Gloves], all of which I've already equipped.

This one set of equipment cost 18,558,000 yen (Listing price 185,580).

I also bought an automatic car [Type 73 Large Truck], which cost 1.2 billion yen (List Price 12 million).

Since there were no regular roads, a normal car was out of the question. For that reason, I chose a vehicle that was used by the JSDF.

Why I didn't just use a jeep, you ask? It's because of the size. When facing a large truck, common beasts from the surrounding areas will just run away.

By the way, I had intended to buy a tank, with the price of 12 billion yen (Listing Price 120 million yen). However, when I consider what the future may hold, I can't afford this price.

"Something like this." After I finished shooting, I flicked the safety lock and put the gun back into the holster on my waist.

Later, I went to check the paper target that I've fixed on a board on a tree thirty metres away.

There were holes were punched all over the place. For now, it seems like I've managed to hit the target to some degree.

"Well, next."

I took out a new piece of paper from my pocket, and attached it onto the board on the tree with some scotch tape.

When I went back into the house, I picked up the object that was supported by a two-legged stand.

[Type 89 5.56 Assault Rifle], 35 million yen (List Price 350 thousand yen).

Type 89 assault rifle. It was also an automatic rifle that the JSDF uses. Even though I said it was a rifle, it wasn't just small, it also took the shape of a real rifle.

[TL: this is just a pun joke, where the kanji for rifle 小銃 can also mean small arms]

In comparison to its size, its performance wasn't a point to be compared with. Its shooting range was 500 meters, ten times that of a 9mm handgun, and its magazine can load up to thirty bullets too.

____ I have read the summary of its manual up till here.

[Umm... First of all, a single shot....]

When I was 100 meters away from the target, I flick the safety lock and pulled the trigger of the rifle.

Before long, it turned noon, so I ended the test fire to eat my meal.

After that, I boarded the truck and left from the back gate.

Once the truck was outside the gate, I exited the truck to lock the gate from the inside. Afterwards, I left by the gate's [Side Door], and locked the [Side Door] from the outside.

Even though the gate used bolt locks, the side door still uses a key lock.

After locking my house this way, I started to investigate the surrounding areas with my truck.

First of all, I confirmed my position with a [Compass]. Even if it's too late to be checking it now, the sun of this world also seemed to rise from the east and set in the west.

To the east of the town is a large river that runs from the north downwards to the south. It was the river used for the disposal of waste water from the sewer. If people were to live around here, then it would be somewhere near a river.

I stepped on the accelerator and moved on in the southeastern direction. Afterwards, while raising the dust along the river, I advanced the truck southwards. However, no matter how much I advanced, the same scenery

continued on.

Since I first started driving, three hours had already passed. There was nothing but a dried up earth-desert spreading out as far as I could see. It was a scene that I could only see on TV. Not even a Shepherd's Purse grew here. It was exactly like a land of death.

I become somewhat scared and returned back home.

The next day, I travelled to the north, and the following day, I explored the west. However, after driving for three hours in both directions, I can’t even find any shadows of humans, and the wilderness continues.

Considering that there is a river in the east, I didn’t explore beyond that.

Thus, the investigation of the surrounding regions was finished for the most part. What I can conclude so far was that there were no people living around my home base, while the eastern side remained a mystery.

Therefore, I decided to stop the search and stayed inside the house quietly for now. It was the ‘good things come to those who wait’ strategy.

I passed my days leisurely in this different world. As the temperature becomes warm, wind blows from the southwest, and sand danced around. If one says that it was a western wind, it could very well be a seasonal wind.

As the continent becomes warmer, warm air currents rise. It was a natural phenomenon related to the wind blowing from cold water spots. In other words, at the further reaches of the southwestern area, there is an ocean, or a large

lake.

Nevertheless, the town was full of sand because of this wind. It might have been a rash decision to make a town without residents.

___with that, one month has passed since I've arrived at this different world.

Here is a piece of good news. There is a resident besides me in this town at last.

Her name is Catherine. She has round eyes with long eyelashes. She has two large swelling peaks, and she has a distinctive voice___.

[TL: oh shit did I finally TL a harem novel?]

"OUHHHHHHHHH"

The origin of this cry… That's right. Catherine isn't human, she's a camel.

[TL:..... FCK!]

[ED: Rofl. Expected.]

I met her when I was about to drive out from the gate and head to the south. In my tormenting loneliness, I wanted to attract her interest by any means. While luring her using some food, I was able to trap her inside the stone wall.

[TL: Oh god please don't make it beastial I beseech YOU!]

[ED: Probably won’t, unless she has a human form. ...I hope.]

I will tell you a little bit more about Catherine. She’s a lazy fellow who usually just folds her legs and sits around doing nothing. Sometimes, when I thought she was finally standing up to take a walk, it turned out that she was just taking her meal. She just starts munching on the grass on the ground. The grass around my home has already disappeared. Everyday, I ended up having to cut grass from town and feed it to her. She’s lazy and gluttonous.

Therefore, in order to make Catherine exercise more, I put a saddle on her back, and forced her to walk around town. The saddle was made by stacking blankets, a handmade item.

I was thinking of feeding her a good meal, but I was worried that she would develop a cavity. Thus, at the very least, even if it's just water, I poured some of Japan's soft water into her bucket. I also cleaned up her droppings.

How should I say it... Surprisingly, it’s possible to [Sell] her feces.

There was a famous story from the Edo-period where a farmer bought human feces as fertilizer. In addition, they also collected horse dung along the way, and there was also a job called horse dung picking.

By the way, Catherine’s feces were about 100 yen a pile.

[TL: WTF WITH THIS AUTHOR AND HIS INTEREST WITH DUNG!]
[ED: He’s just into scat.]

Catherine was also attached to me now. She was rubbing her long neck against

me when I complained about the weather ‘It was hot, recently’ while lying down. She was really a spoiled child.

Like this, she became the support for my heart.

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Thus, a few days passed.

I woke up and raised my upper body from the bed.

Light shone into the room from the other side of the curtains. When I looked at the clock near my bed, it was just a little bit before noon.

Even though it was late in the morning, I didn't particularly mind. I wouldn't have calls coming in from my office after all. In this different world, every day was like a Sunday. I can sleep anytime I want, and get up whenever I want. This is the lifestyle in this different world.

But, that day, I didn't wake up by myself. I was awakened by noise from outside.

"What is it?" I muttered while getting down from my bed and opening the curtains.

I could hear someone knocking on the gate.

"How is it? Can you climb it?"

"It's useless! I can't reach it!"

There were not only knocking sounds on the gate, but also the sound of people

talking.

In other words, there were intruders.

After climbing over the town's stone walls, it seems like they were trying to climb over my home's stone walls too.

Too bad. Unlike the town's stone walls that were only five meters tall, my home's stone walls were twenty meters tall.

The structure of the stone walls were made so that as you climb further up, the stone becomes steeper (Mushakaeshi). In other words, as the stone wall rises higher, the length of the vertical step also becomes much longer, making it much more difficult to climb.

Moreover, there was also a turret built on top of the wall. Even if you were able to climb the stone walls using the gap between it, you would not be able to climb the wall without a foothold.

However, it would be troublesome if they were to use a tool.

Hurriedly, I wore my equipment for self-defense quickly, and left my house with the handgun and rifle in hand.

In the garden, Catherine didn't make any noise and plopped herself down as usual. Looking at that, my heart calmed down somewhat, because during these times of emergencies, what one needs to do is to think rationally.

And so, I went up to stand beside the turret next to the front gate.

With binoculars in hand, I looked out quietly from the turret's window.

I could see one hundred, no, a group consisting of two hundred people. However, they don't look normal at all.

Looking through the lens of my binoculars, although they looked like a human being at first glance, they seemed too hairy to be one. Amongst them, there was even a person who had a face completely different from a human's. They seemed to be a tribe of wolves walking on two legs who were wearing their own unique ethnic patterned folk clothing.

What the hell.

I wonder if this is... A beastman tribe?

"There is someone there!"

"Not good!" As one of them pointed a finger in my direction, I hurriedly concealed myself.

However, why I should hide myself?

This is Catherine's and my kingdom, so there was no reason why I should restrain myself.

[TL:..... this MC already deviated from the right part.]

So, I came out once again and shouted to them.

“What business do you guys have here?!”

The crowd under me started to make noise. Before long, one of them stood up to raise their voice.

“I am the tribal chief of this clan! We have travelled from the wasteland in the north as there is no food there! I wonder if you could spare us some!”

I see, so they are starving.

When I looked from the binoculars again, all of them looked bony. It seemed like they had trouble finding things to eat. There were children amongst them too.

It isn’t that I’m reluctant to help them. But, I can’t say for sure that they weren’t bandits either.

It would be troublesome if they point their weapons at me the moment I open the gate.

“Alright, but, I’m not trusting you yet! So, listen up! Get a little farther from the gate! I will deliver food to the outer regions of the gate! Don’t move before I give you permission! Do you understand!?” I yelled.

They started to murmur again, and with a clap, their tribal chief opened his mouth again.

“U-Understood!”

As the tribal chief answered, they started to leave the gate.

But, wait a minute.

“Tribal Chief! How many members do you have there?” I questioned.

I have to know the number of people in order to prepare sufficient amounts of food.

“There are about one hundred and eighty people!” The tribal chief stopped and answered.

About? What do you mean by about? Don’t you know the numbers of your own people?

“Alright! You can go!” I sighed.

After sending them off, I descended from the turret and moved to the front gate.

[Rice tub] [X20] 3000 yen x 20 = 60,000 yen.

[Cooked rice (10 units)] [X20] 3200 yen = 64,000 yen.

First, I bought a tub to contain the cooked rice before purchasing the steamed, hot rice. Including some extras, I have prepared enough for two hundred people.

The Edo era rice was 3,200 yen for ten units. In other words, a unit equals to 320 yen (1 unit is approximately 150 grams). If this was uncooked rice, then a unit would be 160 yen.

The cheap rice that I bought from modern japan was 2,500 yen/10 kg. In other words it's 37.5 yen/unit.

When compared to modern Japan, I could see that the Edo period's price was definitely higher.

Well, isn't it obvious? By using machines, it would be much easier grow and harvest rice in the modern age. Furthermore, there were differences such as using pesticides and fertilizer too. As for the productivity, you don't even need to compare it with the Edo era.

Aside from that, it could also be that the cost of living in the Edo era was quite high. At that time, before foreign currencies took their influence, the Japanese were self-reliant on gold mines.

Now then, since it would be dull with only rice, I decided to provide side dishes as well.

[Bucket] [x10] 3000 yen x 10 = 30,000 yen.

[10 kilograms of miso] [x2] 8,400 yen x 2 = 16,800 yen

[50 grilled sardine with salt] [x8] 5,000 yen x 8 = 40,000 yen.

I placed the miso and the sardines into the buckets.

Even though there were a lot of other fishes, I chose sardines as they were the cheapest. It seemed like sardines were also the most common fish that commoners used to consume in the Edo era.

“Well, I think this is enough.” I muttered to myself.

If I allowed them to eat extravagant food, it would not be good for their future.

Next, I prepared the containers for their food, spoons, as well as water for them.

[Bucket] [x6] 3000 yen x 6 =18,000 yen.

[Mountain spring water] 0 yen.

[Wooden Bowl] [x400] 500 yen x 400 = 200,000 yen.

[Wooden Spoon] [x200] 300 yen x 200 = 60,000 yen.

Those four hundred wooden bowls included the ones used for drinking. Since I couldn’t leave the wooden spoons on the ground, I placed them into the empty buckets.

Alright. Now, all I need to do is to carry them out. But first, I need to make sure that they kept their words.

I climbed up the turret once again and confirmed the position of the beastmen.

As promised, they were waiting at a distance.

I went back to the front gate again and exited from the gate's side door. Then, I readied my rifle while carrying the food out one by one.

"Oh, it's heavy..." I grunted.

It proved to be quite hard labour. Above all, the amount is a lot. At the edge of my field of vision, I saw movements from the beastmen.

Two people were running towards me.

I clicked my tongue and took out the handgun from my waist.

I flicked off the safety switch, and shot a bullet towards the sky.

Bang!

It produced an ear splitting sound, but I am already used to it. However, the startled pair stopped on their feet, shocked.

"I have already said it before! Until I give my permission, don't come here!

This is a warning!"

[TL:this is how you train your dog.]

[ED: They probably just wanted to help :’(]

Once again, the sound of gunshots reverberated in the sky.

The two beastmen trembled once again in distress, and quickly returned to the pack. I could hear someone yelling. Did those two act on their own?

Afterwards, I finished carrying the food out somewhat, and entered back into the inner side of the stone wall before going up to the turret again.

“You may eat!” I shouted loudly to the group from the window.

Like ants attracted to honey, the beastmen gathered around the food. As everyone ran vigorously, I came to worry about the dust. It would be great if they found the food appetizing, or else it would have been a waste of effort.

“Fo-It is food! It really is food!”

Have they not had any proper food to eat until now? Everyone’s face brightened up.

The first person to arrive picked the sardine up and bit into it.

“Delicious!” The clamor of joy echoed to the sky.

Starting with him, the rest started to reach for the food.

Oi, oi! Why are you guys using your hands instead of the bowls? As I retorted in my mind, they began to notice the wooden bowls only when their tribe chief told them.

In this way, they were able to keep order somehow. Like this, there would no case where someone wasn't able to eat.

After the food was distributed to all the members, they started to eat.

Smiles were plastered onto everyone's faces. It was a scenery of people buzzing in happiness.

Before long, the tribal chief looked up and lowered his head. I raised my hand in reply and continued to observe them eating happily.

After a while, the beastmen finally finished their meal. A lot of people were holding their stomachs while sitting down. Everyone looked satisfied.

No, it seems like there were a few as gluttonous as Catherine, even to the point where they shoved their heads inside the buckets to empty them out.

The tribal chief then turned his head to me and shouted.

"Excuse me! Thank you for the meal!"

"Don't worry about it!" I also raised my voice.

“Er... It’s a bit hard to say this, but...!” The chief hesitated.

Yes, I could relate to it, the sense of helplessness to the point of having to shout out discreet matters.

“I know what you want to say! You want support for food right!?”

“Ye-Yes!” The chief replied.

Of course you do. After all, there would be no meaning if you could only eat for a day, because they also have to continue living tomorrow.

This is a chance for me.

“There is one condition! If you accept my condition, I will provide you food for a month!” I told him.

“What is the condition?!” The chief asked.

“I have something to ask you! Chief, I want to borrow you for a while!” I stated.

“You want to borrow me!?” The chief exclaimed.

“Exactly as what I’ve said! I will permit only you to enter my residence! Everyone else should move a distance away just like before!” I shouted.

The beastmen started to make a big ruckus. The pack couldn't accept it. Some of them even yelled things about being deceived. Meanwhile, a few endured in silence. Those people seemed to agree to my proposition. However, they could not possibly publicly declare that they were willing to sell off their chief, thus, they could only remain silent.

However, when I looked at the tribal chief's face, I could see that what the others have said did not matter to him.

"I understand! Thank you in advance for the food!" The chief bowed.

"I will certainly keep my promise!" I answered.

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When I confirmed that all the beastmen, except for their chief, have already retreated a distance from the turret, I brought along two pipe chairs with my left hand, and opened the side door.

There’s no chance to be careless.

Even though I’ve already placed the rifle inside the gate, I made sure that I could pull my handgun from my waist at any moment.

The man standing before the side door was the man who called himself the tribal chief. Amongst that group, this man bears a face with the least facial hair, making him look the most human compared to the rest.

His height did not differ much from mine, probably around the middle of 170 to 180 cm range. He looked like he was in his fifties. I thought that he was too young to be a tribal chief, but that might just be my bias.

On the top of his head was his long unkempt hair, and something that looked like three pieces of ears united together.

Despite their near-human appearance, such characteristics prove that they are from a different race. Furthermore, the backside of their arms to the back side of their hands were covered with hair.

“Um, this time ——” The chief began.

“Could you wait a moment?” I interrupted and opened the foldable pipe chairs, placing them face to face.

“Y-Yes.” The chief stuttered.

The chief stood and eyed the foldable metal chairs cautiously.

“Please, sit down.” I invited.

“E-Excuse me then.” He replied shakily.

I wondered if he’s nervous since he couldn’t calm down.

[ED: No shit. It’s not like you didn’t shoot out something metallic with a loud noise.]

Still, the chief’s smell was terrible. Even though the face mask I wore covered my nose, the intense smell managed to penetrate through it. It was made very clear to me that they haven’t bathed in a long time.

“I’m Fujiwara.” I introduced myself.

“I’m Jiharu, the Tribal Chief. Umm, once again, I thank you very much for your generous aid.” Having said so, Jiharu lowered his head.

I could sense his sincerity. But at the same time, I could sense his unease in bowing while being in a seated position.

It wasn’t a refined performance of courtesy. When I considered the level of culture in this world, their race might have been at the very bottom.

“With that said, let’s talk...” I said. “It’d be sufficient if you could answer my questions one by one. Again, these questions might be pretty obvious, but please, answer without minding it.” I stated.

Jiharu chief sighed, perplexed.

Now then, what should I ask..?

It would not be necessary to mention the matter concerning their invasion into the town. If one doesn’t have food, and saw that there’s no one inside the town, of course they would enter it.

There is a saying, as long as one has food and clothes, they will know manners. In other words, if they don’t have enough food and clothes, they wouldn’t know courtesy.

“First, tell me the name of this country.” I requested.

“Country..?” The tribal chief had a puzzled expression.

“Yes, a country. There must be a remarkable person governing this land, right?” I asked.

“No, I have not heard of anyone like that.” The chief denied.

Hmm, as expected... This land is uninhabited after all. To be frank, I feel happy.

“Then, let’s change the question. Is there a country in this continent?” I questioned.

“Yes, there is, but...” The chief hesitated.

“Please tell me the name of that country.” I requested.

“I’m sorry. I only know about the Sandra Kingdom that’s to the north of this place.” He replied apologetically.

“By the way you speak, you mean that there are other countries in this continent, and that the Sandra Kingdom is one of them, right?” I tried to confirm his statement.

“Yes, that is right.” He nodded.

“Even though there are a lot of countries out there, in this area, there’s no country yet?” I asked.

“Y-Yes.” The chief nodded.

“Hmm...” I sighed.

Is this the only uninhabited place, or is this corner of the world the only place

that has not been explored?

“Is there any reason for the Sandra Kingdom to the north to not invade this piece of land?” I asked.

At first glance, this place seems like a wasteland. However, though this area seemed to be an area with extremely dry climate, this land is fertile, and as long as there is access to water, this place is suitable for farming. Because there is a huge river running down from the north to the south, there isn’t any difficulty in irrigating the land.

In other words, this place is a valuable piece of land.

“From the story I’ve heard about from the previous chief, this is a cursed land.” The chief answered.

Cursed Land. What disturbing words. Considering that magic exists in this world, it wouldn’t be so strange if there’s a curse.

“...This land is a cursed land, huh?” I muttered.

“Yes, because of the frequent shaking of the ground. The Sandra Kingdom has tried to cultivate this land too, but every time they try to, the ground shakes, so it seems like they have given up on building dwellings in this area.” The chief explained.

Ground shaking... Is it an earthquake? Certainly, for those people who weren’t used to earthquakes, it is something fearful.

Buildings of nations with earthquakes and buildings of those without earthquakes...

As an example, the difference of having a fortress within the city is made clear as day. While piling up stone to form a mountain shape is the japanese style, the western way stacks up the stone to form a vertical wall.

[TL: what it means here is that the castle wall of japanese wall has width base and it get steeper as it goes up making it looks like a mountain, while the westerner wall was straight.]

In other words, people feared this land because of the earthquakes. It's a story which I can agree with.

"I see." I mumbled.

If this place has frequent earthquakes, it would mean that the location of the tectonic plates must be similar to Japan's.

"By the way, does this wasteland continue all the way to the Sandra Kingdom?" I asked.

"No, it becomes a grassland on the way. Beyond the grassland is the Sandra Kingdom. There are a lot of forests there as it rains a lot." The chief answered.

"Do you know how far this place is from the Sandra Kingdom?" I questioned.

“I’m sorry, but I don’t know how far it is. But, it took us nearly twenty days before we passed through the Sandra Kingdom and arrived here.” He replied.

The average walking speed of a normal human is supposedly around 4-6 km/hr. Seeing that they move as a group, their speed should be at the lowest of 4 km/hr. If he said that they walked for about ten hours a day, then the Sandra Kingdom should be around 800 km from here.

No, is it possible for them to walk for 10 hours a day? They were starved. They would have to stop by someplace from time to time to gather food.

Procurement of food and cooking takes a good amount of time. If there were sick people amongst them, their marching speed would decrease as well.

Thus, it’s unlikely that the Sandra Kingdom would be 800 km away. I think it should be around 400-600 km instead.

When I went to investigate, I only travelled around 200 km. No wonder I can’t even find the shadow of people.

However, there is something that I couldn’t understand.

“Then, why did you come to this cursed land?” I asked.

It was a natural question. Simply thinking about it, it was to go on a search for food supplies.

But, judging from the story up till now, there should be plenty of food available

from the Sandra Kingdom's forests where rain was abundant. There was no reason for them to come all the way to this dry land.

"...Because we were being chased by humans. The Knight Order of the Sandra Kingdom invaded the land where we lived..." The chief answered bitterly.

"Sandra Kingdom is a human country?" I was surprised.

The chief was puzzled by this question. However, there was no doubt in his eyes. He seemed to be surprised at my lack of common knowledge.

"The Sandra Kingdom is surely a human country.There are probably no other countries that aren't ruled by humans out there." He explained.

"I see." I nodded.

Looks like humans were the ones that rule this continent.

Since they were chased by humans, they followed the river until they arrived here, seeking for a place to live in peace. However, because there was only desert, they must not have found a place where they can live yet.

"Then, why were you chased by humans?" I questioned.

"The humans... Wanted the land where we live." The chief sighed.

"If possible, please tell me how you guys became like this." I requested.

“I understand.” After saying so, the chief started to talk bit by bit

A long time ago, it was the wolfmen tribe which ruled the land that was called the Sandra Kingdom now. Then, humans came invading from the north. War flared, and the wolfmen were defeated. Their population fell sharply, and they were pushed to a corner. Now, they were even driven out from that land.

“The humans’ reproduction ability isn’t something that can be compared to us. That must be why they ran out of fertile land quickly. Because human beings saw us as people from humble origins, that could be why they drove us out without any reason.” The chief finished his story.

[TL: human sure have high reproduction rate ne]

[ED: at least not as high as goblins’...]

“I see.” I frowned.

It was something like the Indian war in America during the pioneering period.

At any rate, they must have a lot of grudges against human beings. Fortunately, I am using goggles and the face mask. For now, the tribe chief didn’t seem to notice that I was a human.

“Then, do you know anything about magic?” I asked.

“I’m sorry, but I only know of natural phenomenons like fire and water.” The chief shook his head.

“Is there anyone that can perform magic in your tribe?” I probed.

“Humans and elves can use magic, but we can’t use it.” He replied.

——Elves. As expected, they exist, an existence that was sought after in fantasy worlds.

“Do you understand the reason why you can’t use magic?” I was curious.

“Because we have bodies that are far superior to Humans and Elves, so we don’t need the existence of magic.” The chief answered proudly.

Was it lost in their process of evolution?

[TL: A pokemon?]

[ED: More like the Darwin one.]

They might have been the one oppressing human beings in the past. That is why humans learned magic. Yes, it might have been possible.

“Then, next——” I continued my questioning.

I asked about various things like human life, weapons, and the power with regards to human life. Like what God said, there was not much of a difference between this world and that of the European middle ages.

A big town that was surrounded by a fortress... Those with political authority live inside the castle, and the rest live while farming and breeding livestock.

First of all, magic was so unexpectedly weak that the humans seemed to rely on weapons as their main choice.

Apparently, besides the wolf tribe, there were a lot of other races called beastmen out there. Then again, aside from the beastmen, there were humans and elves, but, other than that, he doesn't know much.

As for animals, names from my original world was mentioned. During the selection of powers from the [Cards], it was written that there were a lot of creatures which could be found in a fantasy world. Although they exist, the chief said that they were rare.

When I asked about dragons, he replied [Isn't that a creature from fairy tales?] with serious face. What was that card then?

[TL: Pokemon ball(card edition)]

[ED: It's a Ho-oh. A Ho-oh!]

Also, I questioned about the Demon King and the Hero. Regarding the Demon King, it seems like there was a story about him living in a freezing region in the far northeast. As for the Hero, it was title given to people who are strong.

"——I think I understand." I paused after hearing the story.

I think I've already heard what I want to know for the most part. In between,

knowing that this land wasn't part of a country was the most fruitful.

I'm slightly uneasy about the earthquakes, but at least my house will be fine. After all, it's a building constructed with steel and foundations to top it off. It is because it was built using my ability, so there should be no cutting of corners at all.

Also, the town's earthen storehouse will be alright too. In the first place, merchants of the Edo era used the storehouse to store valuables. That is why it was named [storehouse], and was reputed to be of a sturdy nature.

However, because it was constructed with old methods, it might not stand up much against big earthquakes.

——and, I moved to the last question.

"We have talked for a long time, and this will be the last question. I was the one who made this town. But, there is something missing. Do you know what that is?" I smiled.

[TL: yes, your brain]

[ED: you mean your common sense?]

[TL: could be.]

The chief widened his eyes when he heard the question. If one looked around the town, they should understand that there were no people here. That is why he should understand the intention of my question.

"I-It's people..." The chief said with trembling lips.

His eyes were reflecting the color of expectation. It was visible even through the orange lens of my goggle.

“That is right. Even if I can make a town, I can’t make people. However, there are some right in front of me now.” I said vigorously.

My voice wasn’t loud. And with a murmuring tone, I remarked.

“Your pack is poor and distressed. If you live here and plow the land diligently, I will guarantee your life.”

“Yee.... Yeeee....sss!” The chief’s body shook, and his eyes became wetter and wetter.

He might be trembling due to the excitement.

[ED: No shit. What else can he be trembling from? How low is the MC’s EQ even?]

Inside the chief’s heart, it might feel like he finally found a light in the dark.

I gave him another suggestion to increase his trust in me.

“Of course, you can decline. I will still give you one month’s worth of food from the previous questioning if that is the case.”

The tribal chief eagerly plunged down from the chair and prostrated himself.

“Please! Please! Let’s us live in this town! PLEASE!”

“I have heard your wish.” I said as gently as I could.

[ED: Well, someone wants to imitate god now lol. Please don’t have a god-complex. I beg you.]

“Thank you very much! Thank you very much!” Filled with inexpressible feelings, the chief pressed his head to the ground again.”

“Well, please stand up.” I held out my hand.

The chief grasped my hand and stood up. Our linked hand became a handshake that connected our hearts.

Despite of my poor choice of words, it was nevertheless, a good meeting.

But, there is still one thing left.

“Chief, there is one secret which I must tell you.” I mustered up my courage.

“Oh, what is it?” The chief asked.

I couldn’t remain silent about this because it would leave a seed of distrust in the future.

When I broke our handshake, first of all, I took off my helmet, then my goggles, and finally my face mask.

“Aa....h!?” The chief was shocked.

It was natural.

After all, their misfortune was caused by humans.

However, I was a human as well.

“I am a human. However, I wasn’t born on this continent——” I began my own story.

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“Aaa....”

When the chief saw my face, his mouth and eyes were wide open, and his body was trembling. There was an expression of shock on his face, but it’s a good thing that there wasn’t even a shred of hatred.

“Even if I am a human, will you still become residents of this town?” I spoke as if I was the one requesting for them to stay.

The attitude that the humans treated them with was simply too violent. With the prior violent treatment, my courteous confrontation gave myself a fairly good impression in their eyes.

Then, the chief, who was tongue tied from surprise, opened his mouth slowly, and stared at me as if trying to peer into my mind. He clenched his fist, as if making up his mind, and said.

“...We don’t have anywhere else to go. Also, you seem to be different from the humans I’ve met.”

Even upon knowing that I am a human, Chief Jiharu still decided to take my hand.

Upon hearing his answer, a broad smile naturally appeared on my face.

“Then, I will leave it to you to persuade the others.” I stated.

“Excuse me!” The chief suddenly exclaimed.

“What is it?” I asked.

“I want to keep the fact that Fujiwara-sama is a human a secret for a while. There are some people who have lost their families along the way here...” He answered uneasily.

It was a request from the chief. The reason was quite obvious. I could understand that.

If it was made known that I am a human being, it would be the same as a betrayal towards the wolf pack.

It should be fine to reveal it afterwards when we have already build up trust towards each other.

[ED: That’s not what you said the prev chapter lol. Okay can.]

After reminding the chief to not cause any anxiety for the others, I sent Chief Jiharu out, and returned back inside the gate.

Now then, while Chief Jiharu persuades his tribe, I will need to prepare a few things.

For now, I need to purchase cleaning tools and futons first. As for the cookware, I will give it to them tomorrow, along with the explanation on how to

use them.

They have already gone on a long journey. Surely they would want to have an early rest.

I summoned [Town Data], and purchased bamboo brooms, dust cloths, and buckets. The total came to 15,000 yen. I purchased it for each house in the district.

[Cleaning Kit] [x 47] 15,000 yen x 47 = 705,000 yen.

The number of people in the wolf group are about one hundred and eighty. If, by any chance they couldn't fit into all forty-seven houses of the first district, I'll need to prepare some extras. Furthermore, I've prepared woven straw mats for them, and transported them with a truck.

[Straw Mat] [X600] 2000 yen x 600 = 1,200,000 yen.

These straw mats will become their futon. It's a little bit of a digression, but it's because the common futon used in the Edo era was of such a price.

[Cotton Futon] 3,000,000 yen.

The price of the Edo era's futon was so expensive that I couldn't believe my eyes. No matter what, I will never buy this. The price of a modern futon is a hundred times much cheaper than this.

Then, what kind of futon did the common people use during the Edo era?

What they used was a woven straw mat covered by a paper futon. On top of it, there's also something called [Yogi - cotton filled]. Even though its price was not comparable to the [Futon - cotton filled], the price is still high nevertheless.

It seems like it was because the price of cotton was sky high at that time.

While I was doing this, someone knocked on the gate.

"Fujiwara-sama! The talk has ended safely!" The chief's voice sounded.

Upon hearing the chief's words, I went out through a side door to find that the people of wolf tribe have already gathered there. Some of them looked tense, while others stared at me doubtfully. Another group looked uneasy, while more looked like they were clinging to hope. There were even people that didn't seem to care about anything. Each member had different expressions.

I cleared my throat in front of everyone. In response to that, the wolf clan twitched and jumped.

"I am the person in charge of this town. As what you've heard from the chief, you will become residents of this town. As you are resident of this town, I will take responsibility for your food, clothing and shelter." I stated in a slightly louder and clearer voice so that all of them could hear me.

All of them started to stir.

"However! I want you guys to abide by these rules by all means!" When I raised my voice, all of them went silent.

“First, don’t do evil deeds!

Second, work seriously!

Third, never go past this gate!

Fourth, if you have some business with me, pass it on to your Chief!

That is all!”

Again, the people of the wolf clan murmured.

I wonder if I’ve made any unreasonable demands. But, what I asked of them were common practices.

“Is there anyone who objects to this?” I asked.

Everybody fell silent again.

“Ah, there is one more. Try to obey my instructions as much as possible. If you think it’s impossible, then by all means, you can refuse it. Next, since I will be showing you where you will live, please wait a while.” I announced.

Then, I went back to my home through the side door, and entered the truck. As I sat down on the seat and closed the truck door with slam, a smile floated onto my face naturally.

I could imagine the dumbstruck faces of those people when they see this truck.

The first impression is crucial. Just being nice is useless. You need to show them the difference in status in order to give them a scare.

[TL: yeah this is how you train dog....]

I inserted the key, switching on the engine, and departed. Like that, I drove to the back of the gate.

I alighted from the truck, took off the bolts, and opened the gate.

Just as I opened one side of the gate, the people of the wolf clan peeked inside curiously. They only saw half of the body of the large truck exposed by the gate. Then, the other side of the gate opened. Finally, surprise was shown on the faces of the people of the wolf clan.

Certainly, they would be surprised if there was such a big thing behind the gate. Moreover, it was making sounds while vibrating.

[TL: You know it sound so lewd when I tl this.... Might be because I just finish tl R18+ novel.]

But, it’s not over yet. I boarded the truck again, showed my face through the windows, and shouted.

“Open the way for me, please! All members gather along the wall!”

The chief gave out the order to everyone, and all members moved to the left or right.

I lifted my foot off the brake, and the large truck started to move slowly. Since

they didn’t think that it could move, everyone became nervous.

“It... It moved!”

“It’s... It’s a monster!”

The tribe members exclaimed.

Aah, what a pleasant feeling. This is modern technology. Even though it doesn’t mean that I am great, but I am proud as a person who lived in the modern age.

No one dared to step in front of the truck.

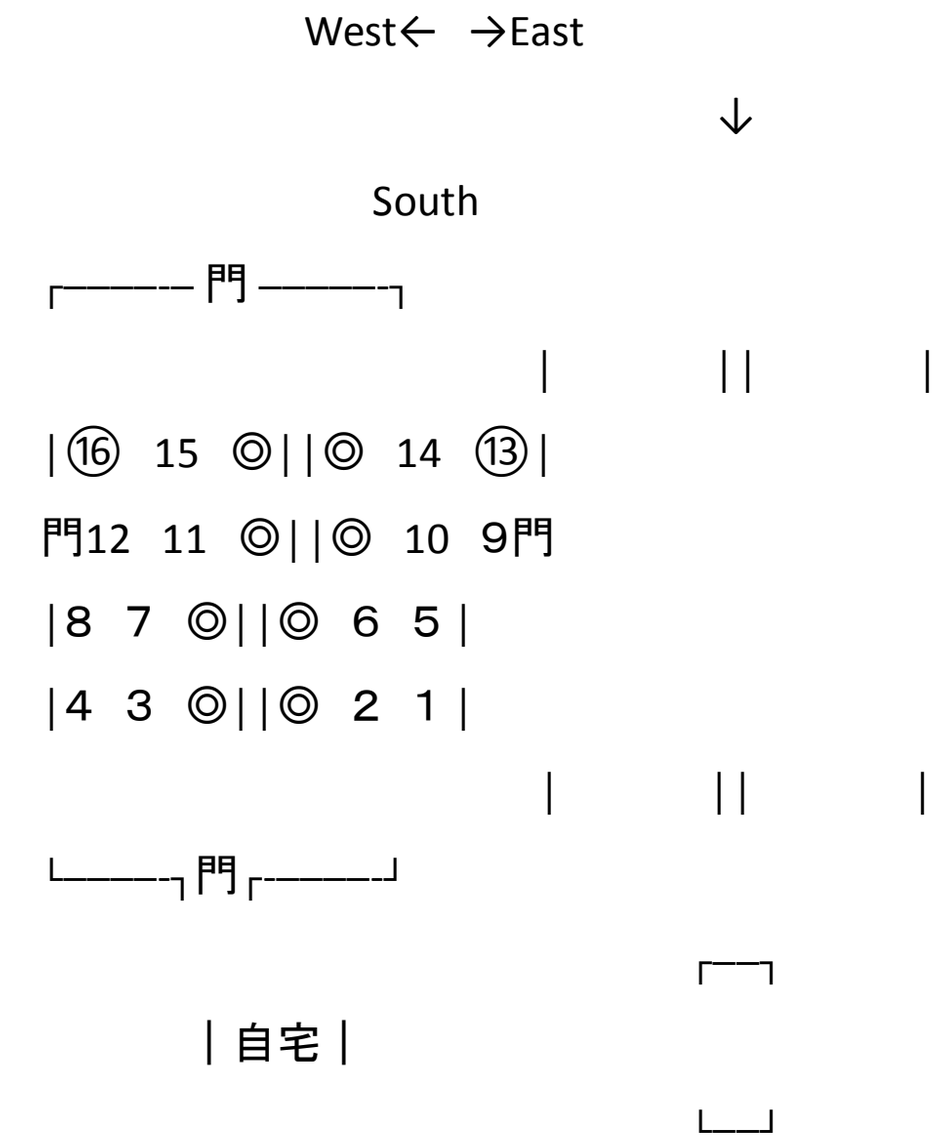
Halting the truck for a moment, I called out to the chief who was sitting on his backside from the surprise.

“Right now, I will lead the way. Please follow me, but do not stand right behind this ‘thing’.”

Then, I began driving the truck again.

The town was divided into sixteen districts. We moved to the middle of crossroad of first district, and I alighted from the truck.

North



In my hands were a binder full of white paper, and a ballpoint pen. The people of the wolf clan were still cautious towards the truck, so they moved slowly behind it.

“Please come here quickly!” I declared.

Upon hearing my words, the chief, who was leading everyone, began hastening their speed. Before long, everyone had gathered, and I began my speech.

“Now, let’s decide the house where you will live. Let me talk about this district first. For every six houses, there will be a well, a bath, and a toilet attached.” I walked to stand in front of the well. “This is a well. There is a lid here, so please don’t try to take it off. By all means, try not to stand or sit on top of the lid, because you will die if the lid falls by mistake. Well then, I will be showing you how to draw water from this well.”

I heaved the pump up and down. Every time I lifted the handle up, the tap nozzle spouts water out.

“——And this is how the water is fetched out.” I ended my explanation.

“Ooo..!” Their voices were filled with admiration.

They must have never seen a hand pump before. Was it just because their civilization level is low, or because the civilization of this world is low too?

Whatever it is, their admiration makes me feel pleasant as the head of this town.

Next, we headed towards the restroom.

“This is the toilet. This is where you deal with excrements. Please do not dispose of your excrements anywhere else aside from here.” I instructed.

Everyone showed a startled face.

What is it? Did I said something strange? No, wait. Don’t tell me, they’ve

already done it.

Several hours have already passed since they've arrived here. It would be stranger if they haven't done it yet.

"...If you've already done that, I will overlook it this time." I sighed.

Everyone's faces clearly became relaxed.

The only saving grace was that in dry regions like this, the bacteria would have a hard time propagating.

I stood in front of a small wooden urinal, and said.

"This place is where men stand and urinate. Please aim well when you do your business."

[TL: I have feeling that the author has a scat and golden shower fetish. Why he always need to go to the detail about all this stuff....]

[ED: Shrug. To each his or her own. Don't kinkshame the author lol.]

There was no special reaction in particular.

Next, I opened the stall door next to it.

"This is the place where men and women sit down and do their business. I think you can understand how to use it without me saying anything." I stated.

Because I hesitated in mentioning women defecating, I only gave minimal explanations. As expected, I felt embarrassed too.

“The ones appointed will have to throw the excrement away every day. Because it could lead to a plague, you absolutely need to throw it away every day.” I explained. “You can throw it away at a faraway place to the south. But, before you throw it, you need to dig a hole to dispose it into. I will go with you tomorrow. Because this is unpleasant work, I will treat the one who does the job with liquor.”

“Oooh!!” A whole group of men who seemed to like liquor shouted joyfully.

Rewarding liquor for doing this dirty job was to prevent anybody from becoming lazy and not finishing the task.

By the way, the plan to use manure as fertilizer was rejected. While manure was certainly excellent fertilizer, but if there was even one mistake, the crops will be infested with parasitic worms. Around the time after the war, the US soldiers ate japanese vegetables raw and contracted food poisoning. This was a famous story in which McArthur flipped out.

“Then, next——” After that, I explained about the baths and sewers respectively .

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“Now, you decide which house you will live in.” I stated. “Ah, except for the biggest mansion, since it will be the chief’s residence. Now then, who wants to take the house next to the chief’s mansion?”

This feels like an auction. Nevertheless, when I looked at everyone’s faces, no one raised their hand.

Then, the chief, who couldn’t remain silent anymore, called out a person’s name.

“Zoan! Come out to the front!”

“Y-Yes!” The person replied.

I turned my face toward the one who replied. This person has thin hair, and looks almost like a human, at least according to the standards of this tribe. His thin hair and his facial features look like the chief’s. Is he related to him?

“Your name?” I asked.

“I-I am called Zoan.” He stammered.

“Do you have a family?” I questioned.

“Ah, yes. Oi, come here!” Zoan called out.

Then, someone who has much thicker hair than Zoan, plus a black nose that looks like a wolf's, appeared while leading a child by the hand. She looked like a mix between a human and a wolf.

"Could you tell me your name?" I asked.

"I-It's Raguri." She answered tensely.

I wrote their names on the paper in the language of this world smoothly.

The god didn't only give me the knowledge of their language, but how to write it as well.

"That child?" I asked.

The child was holding Raguri's hand with her finger placed in her mouth. When I ask Raguri for her name...

"Meg!"

I had intended to ask Raguri, but the child answered instead.

Probably because she's still a kid, so she was fearless unlike the adults, and smiled like a sunflower to me.

"Is Meg-chan a girl or a boy?" I leaned over and looked into her eyes as I asked

her.

Honestly, I feel that something is weird, but it might just be my imagination.

“A girl!” Meg answered bashfully.

[TL: It was a trap!]

She looks like a good child. I feel a little bit happy.

Then, I stand up and say to Zoan.

“Your house will be next to the chief’s house. The house will be in this first district, the first line and the second house, so it will be the house of 1-1-2.”

“Eh? 1-....?” Zoan sounded confused.

It seems like there was no concept of using numbers as the housing address here.

I said it again for Zoan who didn’t understand.

“1-1-2. You don’t need to memorize it now. I will explain it to the chief later on, so let’s learn the common sense of this town together slowly. ...Ah, wait a minute.”

I paused and headed to my truck. Naturally, all their eyes turned to look at me.

I summoned [Town Data] behind the seat, purchased [Konpeito], and left the truck.

[Konpeito (pack)] 9000 yen (Pouch 3000 yen)

“Meg-chan, please hold out your hand. I will give you something good.” I smiled.

[TL: A LOLICON! CALL THE POLICE!]

[ED: Mr Policeman! It’s this guy!]

When Meg heard about something good, Meg separated her hand from her mother’s hem, and stretched out both of her hands. Her parents trembled when they looked at their cute and obedient child.

I took out one konpeito from the pouch, and placed it onto Meg’s small palms.

“You hold it in your mouth, and lick it.” I instructed.

[TL:This....]

[ED: …! Run away, Meg-chan!]

I didn’t say it in an indecent way, but, if it was in the original world, I would certainly be reported.

[TL: yes, yes, you can explain it in police box]

[ED: *shines lamp* explain yourself, protagonist!]

Meg ate the konpeito in one gulp.

“.....? ——Um!?” She moved her mouth in a strange way, and before long, her eyes were wide open. “Delicious!”

She beamed with joy that wasn’t seen until now. I smiled as well, but unfortunately, because I was wearing goggles and a face mask, the feeling wasn’t transmitted. Therefore, I give an exaggerated nod.

By the way, why konpeito instead of candy? The reason would be because of the size instead of the price. In my previous world, there were a lot of incidents where kids choke because of candy, and die. Well, it was much better than an emperor who choked on rice cakes. Next will be rice or bread, which should be ranked the 4th or 5th place as the cause of death.

“Well then, Zoan-san. You are free to go after this. Because there are cleaning tools in the house, you can clean up, or you can rest. Whichever one is fine. I will call you when it’s time for dinner.” I told him.

Next, the residents of the houses were selected in sequence. I wrote their names and addresses on the paper in my hand. Of course, I also gave one konpeito to each child.

If you want to defeat the general, start with their horse.

I will not say for what, but it is not that bad to capture the hearts of children with sweets. Occasionally, it's impressive that the adult was the one giving me a

greedy look instead.

Finally, I wrote the names of the people who will live in the chief's house, and the assignment of housing was finished.

I thought that I wouldn't be able to fit all one hundred and eighty people from wolfmen tribe into one district, but, it was an unnecessary fear. After I settled everyone, there were two more houses left unused.

"Well, this is the end. Chief, please clean your own house as well." I stated.

"I understand. ...Um, Fujiwara-sama." The chief stared at me.

"Yes?" I asked.

"Really, thank you very much." The chief lowered his head deeply, his long brown hair mixing with his white fur.

I didn't ask how many people died before reaching here.

An aimless trip... I can't imagine how much his burden was as the head of the whole tribe.

"...I just did what I wanted to. You don't need to mind it." I replied.

No matter how much goodwill I have, it's just for my self-interest. But, it doesn't feel bad to be thanked.

I pray that we can build a good relationship that will benefit each other.

_____ Like this, I was able to meet the long cherished residents of this town.

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It was the morning after the wolf tribe became residents of the town.

On that day, I, who usually idled around and indulged in my slumber leisurely, woke up from the sound of the digital clock on the table.

After waking up early, the first thing I had to do was to prepare breakfast for the tribesmen. Since it would be troublesome if they learned of luxury, I provided the same menu as yesterday's lunch and dinner.

[ED: Excuses!]

Before long, the preparation of the meal was done, so I told the chief to gather everyone in front of the gate. Still, it's troublesome to have to call for him each time. In the future, I might connect a telephone line to the chief's house so that I wouldn't need to visit him for each task every time.

After a while, they finally gathered, and breakfast began at last. Everyone didn't complain about having the same meal as yesterday. They all ate with great relish.

They rested for a while after eating breakfast.

Afterwards, I delivered kitchen utensils such as pots and kettles, firewood and firestones, as well as food like rice, and the instructions on how to cook them.

However, I wasn't well versed in cooking by the old methods, thus, I could only tell them the amount of water needed to cook the rice at best. I hoped for them to polish their cooking skills through their own experience afterwards.

When all of that was over, I delivered a changes of clothes, and explained about the Goemon bathtubs while preparing hot water in front of them. They haven't taken a single bath since they've arrived here, so they stank badly. After the explanation, I directed them to take a bath. That was all for the morning.

In the afternoon, I asked the chief to direct them to pull out the wild grass that grows throughout the town. I also told them to pile up all of the collected grass in front of my house. The grass was Catherine's important feed after all.

Meanwhile, I had also planned to check the soil quality of this land's agricultural fields.

This time, I'm using this.

[Soil Acidity Examination Solution] 60,000 yen (List price 600 yen)

First, I placed the soil that has been brought from outside into the glass, poured in the modern [Tap-water], and stirred it. While waiting for the soil particles to sink to the bottom of the glass, I took out the clear water from the upper part of the glass, and moved it into a test tube. Finally, I added the examination solution into the test tube, and shook it. I would then judge the acidity level by its color.

"...As expected, it's slightly alkaline." I muttered like a professional while

looking at the color from the test tube. But, in my hands was a book titled [First Time Agriculture that even Idiots can do!].

The soil of this land was of a chestnut color like the ones found in the desert. Back in my previous world, black soil (chernozem and prairie soil) was considered the most suitable soil medium for agricultural land.

Because this place is a desert, the necessary nutrition for the crops won't be washed away by rain, and would remain on the soil.

But, there was a problem. The soil was alkaline, and there isn't much crops that could grow in alkaline soil.

Well then, what would I need to do to make the crops grow in the alkaline soil?

The idea that flashed into my mind was to mix the soil with acidic fertilizer and neutralize the alkalinity. It was well known that people used quicklime, an alkaline fertilizer, to handle acidic soil. In this case, it should be possible to do the reverse However, though the book mentioned the ways to turn acidic soil alkaline, the way to turn alkaline soil acidic wasn't written. I couldn't have known whether my assumptions would do the trick. I wondered why hadn't the book remarked on the problem. I couldn't help but come up with the foolish idea of Japan only having acidic soil.

Therefore, I summoned [Town Data].

"Hmm..." I hummed.

As I was looking at the [Fertilizer] category, I discovered one which costs 0 yen.

[Humus] 0 yen.

Alright, let’s buy it.

I left my house once I purchased the [Humus].

The humus appeared on top of the brown coloured soil. I often see this in forests; the black soil made from decaying trees, plants and leaves.

I took a sample of the black soil, and went to check its acidity like before.

“Oh, it’s slight acidic...” I mumbled in surprise.

Was it because it’s japanese soil, or was it because of the humus that it became acidic? Ah, it doesn’t matter.

I pressed the purchase button for the [Humus] repeatedly, and placed the purchased items outside of the town. At the back of my home, a small hill of black humus was formed.

Now then, the matter regarding the acidity of the soil was settled. Next, I need brainstorm for solutions for another problem.

Arid lands mean that it is a land without rain. In other words, this was an

area without water. Without water, the crops won't grow. It's basic knowledge. So, to sum it up, what should I do to get water into this dryland? This would be my next problem.

However, I didn't need to think much about this problem. We could draw water from the river to the east and use it for irrigating the crops.

I have thought about using groundwater, but it would troublesome if the groundwater dried up since a large amount of water would be needed for the fields. Before I came to this world, the state of California in America depended on the groundwater too much, to the point they exhausted the groundwater as it didn't rain at all, and caused a severe drought. I remembered that it was a terrible state where the earth dried up and collapsed.

I will not make the same mistake as them.

Considering that there is a great river that flows from the north, I should be utilizing it well.

...Anyone could think of it up till here. However, I encountered one problem when I read the book, which was the damage from salt water. In dry lands, there's a natural phenomenon which causes salt to accumulate. Because the usage of water in dry lands would carry salt from underground and accumulate it on the surface of the soil, the salt would obstruct the growth of the crops.

The mechanism is as follows. As the water is distributed, the dry soil would absorb the water easily. The water would then penetrate deep into the ground, and absorb the mineral salts. Due to the high soil temperature,

the water will once again evaporate in the direction of the soil's surface, leaving a layer of dried mineral salts on the surface of the soil.

That was pretty much the gist of the problem.

There was a lot of talk about future food problems back in my original world. This problem was mainly caused by the shortage of land usable for agriculture due to the accumulation of mineral salts on the soil's surface, and also the increment of the human population.

As a countermeasure to the issue, it is important to minimize the water's seepage into the soil as much as possible, leaving only drip irrigation, where water is given to the plants at pin-point accuracy. This method is certainly wonderful, but the spending for this would be tremendous.

In any case, it would mean that a faucet was to be made for each and every crop planted. Just imagining it was already out of the question .

The other preventative measure was to make the plantation field a paddy field. With the equipment of the water supply and drainage system, it would prevent the salt from accumulating.

On the other hand, this method, again, needs to use lot of water to wash off the salt. Originally, a large quantity of water was already needed to wash the salt away, so this will cost a lot of money. But, fortunately, I could purchase water for free. I would only need to fix the topography to drain the water afterwards. However, I will then need to show my ability to other people.

As expected, it is important to practice an agricultural method that requires a controlled amount of water as much as possible. In other words, I need to produce crops that don't need a lot of water.

[TL: you see how much problem that a farmer need to face when they bring fruit, veggie and stuff to your table? Stop wasting food!]

[ED: Yes, mother.]

Next, what are crops that are strong against drought? There are staple food like grains, corn, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and beans. For vegetables, there are tomatoes, eggplants, and green peppers. For fruit trees, there are dates and grapes. I think that's about it....

I looked at the commodities in [Town Data], and there were all the names for those seedlings. Of course, when there are varieties of seeds enhanced by hybridization (adjustments of the seed within a single life-time generation, leading higher quality crops compared to using pure-bred seeds. However, in the second generation and after, the effects of the adjusted DNA will disappear, and the crop yield will no longer be uniform), there are also pure breed varieties (throughout the second and third and its consecutive growth generations, crop yield will be uniform).

Now then, all of these were just the outline related to agriculture. We will start plowing the fields and sowing the seeds tomorrow.

Since I have to consider crop rotations as well, I wonder what should be planted next. Oh yeah, shall we plant the twenty day radish too, so that the people will be able to experience the joy of harvesting?

Ah, that's right. I will also need to divide the fields too. The standard size

for one field during the Edo era was... Around one thousand square metres. Certainly, the people of the Edo period harvested the amount of rice they would consume in one year, so the size of the field that would yield that amount should be considered one unit of field.

Well, I don’t plan to plant rice for now, so it doesn’t really matter. It would be good as a reference for a standard field though.

I purchased a [Measuring Tape] and a [Wooden Stake], and surveyed the land alone. Afterwards, the tribesmen who have finished weeding the town proceeded to weed the area where I had surveyed.

...The town has started to progress slowly.

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At last, farming began in the town. The fields were being plowed, and the seeds were being sown.

Honestly, I don’t have any choice but to rely on the shallow textbook, so the agricultural process was still not out of the experimental level yet. But, at least we are at the starting line.

I will acquire experience little by little and develop better agricultural skills as time goes by.

That’s not all; the wolfman tribe had also spent their days in trial and error, trying to adapt to the new life in this town.

Time passed, and it has been one month since the wolfman tribe became residents of the town.

The sunlight was glaring down dazzlingly. According to the [Thermometer] hung outside, the temperature was above thirty degrees celsius. Because this place is dry, I can say that it’s much better than Japan’s summer season.

However, the place next to this land is a desert. Thus, I am worried about how much the temperature will increase from now on.

Another month passed by, and my town’s residents seemed to have gotten used to the life here.

On that day, we were harvesting radishes.

Outside of the town, a thin cloth screen was spread around the field. The cloth screen was used to adjust the temperature for the wolfmen who were lining up in rows in the field.

“Now then, shall I pull it out?” Chief Jiharu grasped the leaf that extended from the earth while being watched by the spectators who were filled with anticipation.

He pulled carefully. When he pulled it, there was not much resistance, and a round, red radish with small roots came out. When it was pulled out over his head, cheers of joy and clapping resounded.

It was the first crop that they’ve cultivated by themselves. Even the children and females who didn’t usually participate in farming came out to see the results.

I, who was looking from outside of the cloth screen, was happy. I held a banquet on the occasion of the first harvest.

I took the [Meat] out. This was the ingredient that I have never taken out till now. Because the Japanese were under the influence of buddhism, eating meat was considered taboo, and it continued till the late Tokugawa era. As result of that, I couldn’t purchase any edible meat other than [Chicken Meat]. But, of course, I can purchase any [Meat] from the modern era.

I purchased a lot of [Chicken Meat]. As for the seasonings, I purchased [Soy Sauce], [Salt] [Pepper] , et cetera, and I also purchased [Sake] by the barrels. In addition, I constructed [Desks] for the venue, and placed [Iron Plates] for roasting the meat. [Stone] and [Oil] were prepared too.

I place all of that in front of my house's gate. Afterwards, I entrusted all the work to Chief Jiharu.

I didn't have any intentions to join the banquet. I never did like banquets even before coming here, since you need to socialise with other people.

Because I was the most important person here, I didn't need to care about someone else. But, in this case, other people will need to pay attention to me. Well, my position here is something similar to a popular boss after all.

However, because everyone was drinking liquor today, I would feel lonely if it was only me who didn't drink it, so I intend to celebrate today's harvest with Catherine inside my house.

Before long, night fell, and I could hear the lively voices from the banquet in the town at my home. I was sitting down on the ground with Catherine at my back while staring at the cloudless starry sky, drinking chuhai little by little.

The telephone's ringing sounded inside the house. I've connected a telephone cable from chief Jiharu's house to my house. I wondered why he was calling me, and went inside my house to pick up the receiver.

“Ah, is it Fujiwara-sama? This is Jiharu.” The chief greeted.

“What happened?” I asked.

“Everyone said that they wanted to see Fujiwara-sama by all means…” Jiharu sounded awkward.

I thought for a little bit. If they want me to go, then I think it is much better if I go. I tell them that I will go to the banquet venue immediately, and hung up.

After changing into my usual clothes, I went to district 13, which didn’t have even a single building, and was thus used as the banquet venue, by foot.

“Ooo! It is Fujiwara-sama!” The chief, whose face has already become red, found me and called my name.

“Fujiwara-sama has come!”

“It’s Fujiwara-sama!”

All the people here called my name when they saw me visit.

I feel a little embarrassed. My cheeks have already become hot under my face mask, and this wasn’t because I was just drinking alcohol up until a moment ago.

When I sat down at the seat of honour, a dish was carried to me immediately.

However, I noticed something. I was hiding my face, so, I can’t eat like this. Then, what should I do?

Do I need to open a space near my jaw and force the meal from there to eat? But, my nose and mouth will become visible... However, even for the wolfman tribe, their faces didn’t differ that much from a human's, so, I don’t think there would be any problems in particular.

But, at that moment, a thought was raised inside my mind. Is it already alright to show my face? Honestly, it is troublesome to cover my whole body with protection whenever I need to go outside.

In this one month, I have tried to win their favor. I think the time for it is ripe.

[ED: Shouldn’t it be two months? Eh, whatever…]

[TL: I didn’t know why it only one month here, probably the author made a mistake]

When I think about this, without asking for the chief’s opinion, I took off my goggles, helmet and face mask.

“Ah...”

“Eh...?”

Some people noticed my appearance.

“Fu-Fujiwara-sama!” Chief Jiharu called my name, flustered.

“Hu....man....?”

Some people muttered.

There was a large disparity between the location of my ears and the wolfmen’s ears. My ears were at the side of my head while theirs were at the top of their head. It was obvious when I took off my helmet.

They were surprised when they saw that I am a human, and commotion spread out like a ripples on clear water.

But, I’ve already expected this.

“That is right. As you can see, I am a human!” Somehow, I shouted.

I might be excited because of the liquor.

[ED: This idiot… *facepalms*]

I continued my speech. “But, I am different from other humans! I am a human that came from a different continent! I showed my face today because I want you people to trust me!”

That reminds me, I forgot to use polite speech. It seems like I am drunk; as expected.

“I want to develop this town with everyone! However, that is not-”

-my only wish.

However, when I wanted to say that, I was disturbed by a banging noise.

Everybody, including me, turned their eyes to the source of the sound. There, a desk and a dish were turned over. The preparator was a girl who has an adult’s build, but still with a trace of innocence on her face.

It was a face which I have seen several times. There was always a shadow of grief on her face. That girl glared harshly at me, and said.

“We can’t trust what the human says! Because of hunger, my mother became sick and died in the middle of the journey! If the humans didn’t take our home, my mother would not have died!”

I see. I can understand the reason behind her grieving face now. However, it was still within my expectations.

However, as I wanted to retort back...

“How can you treat food poorly like this?!” The fist of a young man sent the girl flying.

Eh...?

I was stunned by this excessive response. I will say it once more. The young man ran to the girl suddenly, and beat her up.

The man didn’t seem to be going easy on her. Strong punches were dealt to this weak girl.

For me who was against violence, I wanted to look away from something this intense. But, I didn’t, and unconsciously placed my hand on the gun holster on my waist in fear that something might happen.

The man grasped the lapels of the girl, and was still trying to hit her.

“You… You don’t need to go that far! Someone stop him!” I shouted hurriedly.

Following my voice, the chief instructed people to stop him, and all the people who were stunned began to move.

The young man, who was hitting the girl, yelled while being grabbed from the back.

“How can you treat food this poorly even though we have trouble finding food to eat?!”

It was the truth. Food means life.

Back in my previous world, people tend to forget the importance of food. A person will die easily if they don't eat for a few days. Then, in this world where it was much more difficult to obtain food, the value of food was more precious than in my previous world.

[TL: another lesson why you shouldn't waste a food]

By the way, I have heard that the lump on the camel's back stores fat. Because it can drink dozens of liters of water at the same time, it will not die even if it doesn't eat or drink for a few days.

Catherine sure is awesome.

"Gu... Kuu… Uuuu...!" After the young man yelled about the importance of food, the girl couldn't hold her tears anymore, and began to cry.

It was intense.

In addition, the younger children seemed to be frightened by the young man's voice, and began to cry as well.

"Um, I wonder if it is okay..?" I moved to break this situation. When I raised my voice, everyone turned their attention to me. "There might be people who don't trust me! I am sure of it! After all, I am a human! Even though I said that I wasn't from this continent, but, it's a fact that I am of the same race as the humans who have hurt you!"

I spoke without hesitation, even though I didn't know if my words fit the

seriousness of the situation. This was the skill from being drunk. No, it's because I am drunk that I can say something from my heart.

"That is why I will not blame you if you want to leave this land! But, I would prefer to develop this town together with you. That is what I think!" After I said this, I left the place.

They will need time to think on this calmly.

"Fujiwara-sama!" After a slight delay, the chief ran after me.

I could see the uneasiness on his face.

"I will not cut you people off from the supplies. So, I hope that everyone won't blame that girl." I said without waiting for the chief's words.

I think it was too early to show my face, but sooner or later, I will need to do this. I pray that it will be like the proverb "adversity strengthens the foundation". It would be good if this incident managed to strengthen our trust in each other.

014 - The Start of Town - 4

The next morning, after the incident at the banquet, I was awoken by the ringing sound of the telephone. When I looked at the clock, it was still 7 am. At this time, I am usually still sleeping soundly.

There never was a case whereby the telephone will sound this early in the morning. Did something happen? While thinking such a thing, I answered the phone with sleepy eyes.

Then, I heard the voice of the chief from the other side of the receiver.

“Fujiwara-sama, this is Jiharu.”

“What happened?” I asked.

“I’m sorry, but could some of the people take an absence from today’s work?” He requested.

“Can you tell me the reason why?” I questioned.

“That is....” The chief seems to have a hard time answering. It was clear that there was a problem in the tribe, and the cause might be from yesterday’s incident. “Mira, the girl who caused the problem yesterday, has disappeared...”

“Only her?” I woke up slightly.

“Yes.” He replied.

“Since when?” I questioned.

“I don’t know. But, it was probably last night...” Jiharu answered unsurely.

“Is there a possibility that she is still in the town?” I asked.

“We are searching for her now. However, since the west gate was open...” The chief trailed off.

“I understand. Please gather everybody in front of the gate at once.” I requested.

I have lost my drowsiness already. I cut the call, and left the house to prepare the truck. I have placed a drum at the edge of the site. It was filled with [Oil], which I pumped out to fill up the fuel tank. After topping up the fuel, I moved the truck behind the gate.

When I took off the bolt and opened the gate, the people from the wolf tribe were already waiting outside.

I made everyone move back, and stopped the truck in front of the gate. Afterwards, I got off from the truck, and heard the story from the chief.

“Chief, were there footprints of Mira outside of the town?” I asked.

“There are none. But, even if Mira is outside of the town, it will be hard to leave footprints behind because the ground is hard. They will also be covered by sand blown over by the wind immediately.” The chief answered.

“Hmm. Then, if we assume that Mira left the town, I think her destination is southwards, along the river. What do you think?” I suggested.

“Yes, I think so too. If she moves to the north, she will go back to the place where we came from, and the east is blocked by river. If she goes to the west...” When the chief talked about the prediction if she had gone to the west, his words become a bit evasive.

If she was moving towards the west, then it would be almost impossible to find her. If she didn’t leave a mark, we wouldn’t know where she went to.

“Then, Chief. Will you look around downtown, and around the town with everyone? I will go search the south with the truck.” I requested.

“I understand.” The chief nodded.

I turned my head from the chief towards the people who’ve already gathered.

“From now on, I will go and look for Mira with this truck. With the

exception of the chief, I need one person with me. Who wants to come with me?" I asked.

The crowd murmured, and became hesitant. It was because they feel something like fear towards the truck.

Meanwhile, a person appeared right in front of me.

"I'm Bozugado. Please take me along." He stated. It was the man who hit Mira yesterday.

"Alright. Then, Chief Jiharu, you will direct them inside the town. Please be careful so that there will be no new victims while you search." I instructed.

The people from the wolf tribe started to search with the instructions of the Chief again.

I taught Bozugado how to open and shut the door, and let him sit at the seat next to the driver. Furthermore, I made him fasten the seat belt. After giving him simple instructions, I went to the driver's seat.

When I started the truck, Bozugado tensed up. Well, he will get used to it quickly.

After I passed the town's west gate, I drove the truck southwards.

The clouds of dust were dancing to match the revolving tires. At the first glance, the ground looked flat, but there were uneven parts here and there, unlike the concrete road. If Mira was hiding, it would be difficult to find her. That is why, the speed was only 40 km/h.

I drove the truck at low speeds while observing the surrounding areas. Because Bozugado was sitting at the passenger's seat, I handed a pair of binoculars to him, and let him look around.

"Fujiwara-sama." Bozugado stopped using the binoculars, and opened

his mouth suddenly.

“What is it?” I asked.

“Can you forgive Mira?” He sighed.

(Why did he suddenly ask this?) “Mira thinks well of Fujiwara-sama. Especially for that girl, who was smaller than me, the reason why we can feel the happiness of eating until our stomachs are full was thanks to Fujiwara-sama. I usually hear about this from her. But even so, it was a regret that she couldn’t have met with Fujiwara-sama much earlier.” Bozugado explained.

“It’s about her mother, huh..?” I sighed.

“Yes. Mira’s father died before she was even aware of things around her. I think her love for her mother was much deeper because of that. In the middle of the journey, because we hardly ate anything, Mira’s mother died from a disease.” The tribesman stated.

“...I see.” I muttered.

——Parents, huh? I have parents too. They were very normal parents. When I left the previous world, they would probably grieve like everyone else.

I am living in another land now. If they know about this, would it help them? However, that will never happen. That is why I stop myself from thinking too much about my parents.

“I understand the feeling of losing one’s parents as well, so, it’s okay.” When I said these words, Bozugudo thanked me, and resumed searching the surrounding area.

The truck continued moving southwards. One hour had passed since we left the town.

I don’t know when Mira left the town, but, it’s strange that we haven’t caught up to her yet after this much of a distance. Did we miss her, or maybe she didn’t move towards the south? Could it be that she went

towards the north where her mother died?

It was when I thought about such a thing that Bozugudo yelled.

“There! There she is! Just a little bit further!”

I stepped on the accelerator. Before long, I saw the figure of Mira’s back before my eyes. The other side seemed to have noticed us too, and started to run. Then, she fell down.

The truck caught up to Mira in no time.

“Mira!” Bozugudo got down from the truck, and ran towards her.

Mira was holding a bow, but for the time being, it doesn’t seem like she will attack us. She was caught by Bozugudo easily.

When I considered the distance, it must’ve taken Mira all night for her to reach here. She must be tired, and didn’t have the power to resist.

I got off from the truck and went to Mira as well. Then, Mira glanced at me, and averted her eyes from me. She seemed to be awkward and embarrassed to see me. This was what I got from my impression.

“I heard about your mother.” When the word ‘mother’ comes out from my mouth, Mira glared at me suddenly, but I continued to speak without minding it. “Beyond this desert, there is only land where plants don’t grow. Even if you go there, you will only die.”

“That is still good! If I die, I will go to my mother’s side!” She yelled.

“Don’t say such a stupid thing!!” I shouted angrily.

In this one month that I’ve spent together with them until now, I have never gotten angry even once. Because of that, I can see the astonishment of Mira and Bozugudo.

I just continued my speech.

“If you are dead, do you think your mother who you love so much will be pleased?!” I’m actually not that angry inside of my heart.

The words I said just now were just ordinary persuasion so that Mira will want to return to the town. Actually, if I was in Mira's shoes now, if someone said something like that to me, I will surely suspect that person. It was because suspicious words like these were overused in the previous world. However, in this world, they didn't have the opportunity to see such ordinary situations that appear often in manga and drama, so my remark should be something new for them.

"It is not only your mother, everyone will grieve for you as well! All of them were doing their best to look for you now! Do you intend to make them sad? Your life isn't just yours only, you know?!" I said angrily.

I wonder if she was touched by my words, as Mira was hanging her head while keeping silent. I lowered my voice a little bit now, and comforted her.

"Your mother... Her wish was for your smiling face above everything, right..?" These words were the conclusion.

Mira burst into tears on the spot. She herself understood that what she did was foolish, and based on her agitated emotions. At any rate, I have completely won the argument...

On the way home.

Mira was sitting in the middle of the seat, and the truck was heading back towards the town.

I said such a thing to her.

"For example, can a person live by himself? There's that question. The answer is yes, you can live by yourself. But, two people are better than one person, and three people are better than two. If many people cooperated with each other, a person's life can become more meaningful." I stated. "I'm a person who lives a luxurious life. However I didn't only give it to all of you. Because I work for a better life, I'm helping you guys. And, this is not limited to living. More than one person, or two people, more than two people, or three people… If everyone is smiling, my smile will become wider as well."

Where have I heard this stinking speech? However, since it is not wrong,

I think this speech is just ordinary.

015 - Wolf Clan

Mira was taken back to the town safely, and peaceful days returned to the town again.

A few days after the series of disturbances...

On that day, the people of wolf tribe who have finished their work at the field, had their dinner and bath, and finished the things that they usually do for the day for the most part .

The sky became dark.

As it doesn’t rain, moonlight shone down onto the land without obstruction, its brightness so strong that you could walk around without any other illumination.

Meanwhile, footsteps could be heard rumbling the ground. Towards the mansion of Chief Jiharu in the first district of the town, males of the wolf tribe gathered there one after another.

“Hey, do you know what the meeting was about?”

“No, I didn’t hear anything.”

The males of the wolf tribe kept entering Chief Jiharu's mansion one after another.

Inside the mansion, the sliding doors that divide the rooms were removed, connecting the four rooms into one. A large rectangular room was formed. The moonlight that poured into the room from the opened window shone, illuminating Chief Jiharu who was sitting in the deeper part of the room .

"Is everyone here?" The chief murmured to no one in particular.

The wolf tribe's males had lined up before the chief and sat down in rows, and just now, the last person just entered. The orphaned children who lived with the chief have been left in the care of a different house for now, because the talk is confidential "How is Mira doing?" Jiharu asked.

"She is working on the fields harder than anyone else. Father should know about this." The one who answered Jiharu's question was his son, Zoan, who was sitting in the front row.

"Hmm, that's right." Jiharu smiled warmly.

As the leader, the chief is like the parent of the whole tribe. In other words, Mira is his cute child as well.

"So what is it today, chief? We need to wake up early tomorrow, so

please finish this quickly.” One of the men said.

“What I want to discuss about is Fujiwara-sama.” The chief showed a serious face.

It was a face which the chief had never showed to Nobuhide ever since he became the head of the town.

Tensions suddenly ran high in the room. One grasped his fist, while another swallowed his saliva.

“I don’t like this!” No one knows exactly what was being imagined, but a certain young man stood up and raised his voice. His name was Bozugado. It was the man who had looked for Mira together with Nobuhide. “He has treated us very nicely! Why can’t we just leave things as it is?”

“I don’t know if you’ve misunderstood something, but I don’t have any intention to harm Fujiwara-sama. So, don’t say such a silly thing.” The chief shook his head.

After hearing the words of Jiharu, everybody was clearly expressing their relief. Everyone had been holding the same suspicions as Bozugado.

“Then, what is it about?” Bozugado, feeling ashamed that he had jumped to conclusions, sat down while blushing, and a different person asked this

time.

“Hmm. We intend to follow Fujiwara-sama as it is. That is why, what we should fear for is if Fujiwara-sama has a change of heart.” Jiharu stated.

“No, Fujiwara-sama will never forsake us!” One man argued.

“How you can be so sure? Fujiwara-sama is a human. We are of the wolf tribe. Right now, there are no humans around Fujiwara-sama. However, if a human manages to come to this land, what will happen?” The chief sighed. “No, not only humans. If we consider the humans’ oppressive nature, I think other beastmen aside from us will come to this land too. If that time comes, will we still receive the same treatment we are as now?”

[TL: I didn’t like where this topic will go, will this go to snu snu part?]

The person who was asking the question turned silent. Others had shut their mouths too, unable to retort.

Then, the chief said.

“That is why I intend to have Fujiwara-sama become a wolfman as well.”

[TL: I know it, they will just married off Mira to him. It must be so!]

The others didn't seemed to grasp his intentions.

A human is a human. A wolfman is a wolfman. There is no way that can be changed.

Everyone was staring at Chief Jiharu with pitiful eyes, as if he has no idea what he had just said.

"Can you please not look at me with such eyes? What I meant was not such a nonsensical like asking him to be reborn as a wolfman." Jiharu rolled his eyes.

"Then, what is it?" The son of Chief Jiharu asked on behalf of all the members present.

"It's easy. He will take a wife from the wolfman clan, and have a child." The chief smirked.

Ooooh... Everyone was impressed. Certainly, if a child was born, it would become a bond that could never be severed.

The thing about the difference in race… With Nobuhide belonging to a different race, everyone seemed to have forgotten of the concept of marriage as an option.

“Then, my daughter!”

“No, my daughter!”

“No, no, my daughter!”

Those who have a daughter hurriedly proposed an engagement for Nobuhide and their daughter. There were some people had had said strange things too, but no one considered them.

[TL: what is that strange thing about? Let’s you guys imagine yourself. I can’t imagine it, no I don’t want to!]

[ED: *cough*BL*cough*]

Nobuhide was the one in charge of all the things in this land. There is nothing but honor to have their daughter marry someone like Nobuhide. If their daughters were to be married to Nobuhide, as his father-in-law, they have calculatively thought that they should have gotten some leftovers too. They are also especially fond of the liquor. Should their daughter be married to Nobuhide, they had hoped to receive a lot of celebratory drinks.

[TL: damn parent that sell their daughter for liquor.]

“Isn’t your daughter just 8 years old?!”

“Shut up! Who knows if he’s a pervert who’s fond of children!”

“The one in my house is the most beautiful!”

“What! Rather than that homely-looking daughter of yours, the most beautiful girl in the world is my daughter!”

[TL: I am dying here *hahahahahaha]

[ED: Lol. I am just shaking my head.]

All of them became hot headed. All of the people who had daughters stood up, naturally breaking out into an unsightly quarrel. .

“Stop it!!” A thundering voice echoed .

Although he was close to 60, the chief was proud that he hasn’t been defeated by the younglings yet. Befitting of such intimidation, with the addition of the wrinkles that comes with experience, it was truly an intense expression.

All the members were overwhelmed by the Chief’s voice, and their bodies started to tremble. The triangular ears on the top of their heads flattened down, and they sat back down quietly. Everyone pulled themselves together, and began listening again.

“In fact, I have already decided who is it.” However, the statement that left

the Chief’s mouth was something shocking - the settled decision of the bride candidate.

“Eeeh...”

“Such a thing...”

People who recommended their daughters muttered frustratedly in vexation.

“Then, who is it?” Zoan asked.The chief glanced around the room once, and said a name.

“It’s Razuri.”

[TL:..... who?]

Oooooh... Everyone was stirred up.

That girl was considered to be the most beautiful amongst the unmarried ones. Wherever Razuri would walk, every man from the wolf tribe would turn to look. A sigh would escape their lips by just remembering her figure. She was a beauty of that level.

“If it’s her, then she will be most suitable for Fujiwara-sama. Does anyone

have any objections?” The chief looked around again.

“Well, if it’s Razuli...”

“Ah, then it is not where my daughter can come out.”

With that beautiful girl in front of them, no matter how cute their daughter was, they will have no chance to beat her at all. Everyone didn’t have any choice but to pull back.

“Then, the decision is made. Tomorrow, I will introduce her to Fujiwara-sama. I will make this marriage a success by all means. We shall make our clan prosper!” The chief declared this as he stood up energetically, raising his fist.

[TL: no offense, but this is how I hate tribal life. Sometime the chief will try to marry his daughter or in this case someone else from his tribe to the man from more advanced civilization, I have a friend that almost get forced to marry a daughter of the chief from some tribe in Papua, East Indonesia. I shudder every time I remember his story]

[TLC: my condolences to your friend]

[ED: Omg. Luckily your friend managed to escape.]

Then, everyone’s cheer burst out. Afterwards, the chief opened up the sake jug that Nobuhide handed to the chief for cases like this, and poured each person a cup before dissolving the meeting.

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Early afternoon of a certain day.

Nobuhide received a telephone call from Chief Jiharu. The content was that he wanted to talk in a quiet place.

Nobuhide tilted his head in puzzlement. When he asked about the outline of the business, Chief Jiharu dodged the questions, and left Nobuhide with vague answers. Because he can't invite him to his house, the talk will be held in the chief's mansion.

Even though he didn't think that they would ambush him this late in the game, but just in case, he armed himself before leaving for the chief's house with the truck. He especially drove the truck so that if there was something wrong, he could run immediately.

The chief stood at the entrance. When I looked at him, he seemed to be smiling like usual.

"Welcome. Come, come, this way." The chief ushered.

Unlike the other houses, at the edges of the Chief's house is a corridor. Beside the corridor are four rooms lined up. Through this corridor, I was led to the innermost room. There, one woman was sitting down .

“Chief, this is...?” Nobuhide asked with a perplexed expression.

Thus the chief said it while feigning ignorance.

“On this occasion, by all means, I intend for Fujiwara-sama to marry Razuri, the most beautiful girl in our tribe. Thus, I called you to this place.”

“Eh...?” He was surprised and speechless. Nobuhide was hit by a tremendous surprise.

(To take a wife? Marriage? With whom? I, with this woman..?)

[TL: it will be interesting if he start to run and I can suggest you guys to read it while listening to Run devil Run]

Nobuhide’s brain shifted from surprise to confusion. No, perhaps if she was not there, Nobuhide would not be as shaken as this.

According to the wolf tribe, what exactly is their definition of a pretty woman? As their name indicates, the wolf tribe was evolved from wolves. In addition, they would have extraordinary pride as a wolf as well. You can even say that it is their faith. Therefore, the standard of their beauty…

[TL: oh yeah, music, play!]

[ED: Lol, I am anticipating the next scene very much.]

As Nobuhide’s eyes moved in a strange manner, Razuri smiled at

Nobuhide. It should be a smile to the extent that it would take the hearts of the wolfmen, but to Nobuhide, it just made his heart shudder.

The reason was because the very person in front of him was like a wolf itself, her body covered in thick fur, eyes sharp, and nose sticking out further than her mouth. Yes, Razuri was a woman who has strongly inherited the blood at the time when she was still a wolf.

Sharp teeth peeped out from the gap of her mouth when Razuri smiled. From Nobuhide's viewpoint, what he saw was a wolf smiling evilly in front of its prey.

[ED: People who are into beastiality or furries would probably be happy though…]

(Awawawawa!!!!)

His body's trembling intensified.

For humans, when an unexpected thing happens, their thoughts will falter. Nobuhide's brain that usually works as perfectly as it is, has stopped working.

"Ooh, Fujiwara-sama must be trembling because of Razuri's excessive beauty too. Then, I will let you young people take your own time." The chief left the room after misunderstanding something.

(Wait a minute! What made you think like that?!)

After receiving the chief's unwelcomed action of goodwill, Nobuhide couldn't help but complain in his mind.

"Fujiwara-sama, please sit down." Razuri's voice was beautiful and kind, unlike her face.

(Aah... she doesn't mean any harm either...)

At this point, Nobuhide had finally calmed down. This sudden marriage meeting with the woman with a wolf's face. He can generally guess the real intentions of the chief. That is why, Nobuhide thought that she must have been a victim too.

Of course Nobuhide declined the marriage proposal. Afterwards, he had to exert fairly reasonable care so that he wouldn't hurt Razuri's feelings.

016 - Two Years Later 1

When it rained, the ground hardened, or so I judged.

Since I have confessed that I am a human, I feel that the trust of the wolf tribe towards me has strengthened steadily.

Before long, the hot summer season has come along. The heat wave's temperature exceeded 40 degrees celsius. The wolfmen were drinking water frequently. In addition, I have told them to take a rest immediately when their bodies start to feel uncomfortable.

For Catherine to avoid the sunlight, I have at least built a hut with a roof for her. However, she plopped herself down under the sunlight without entering the hut. It looks like the lump of fat on the back of the camel isn't only to store the energy, it seems have a role of blocking sunlight as well. That is why, Catherine was still calm even though she was under the blazing hot sun.

I can't help but say 'As expected of her'.

As for me, I spent my days leisurely in my room that was installed with an air conditioner. My daily life was going smoothly. It feels like I am back in my previous world recently.

When summer passed, the town was going to be at a turning point again.

When the temperature during daytime fell to 30 degrees, it became much easier to spend time outside, and my time going outside increased as well. On that day, I got onto Catherine's back, and made my rounds around the town. The walk was for Catherine who lacks exercise.

Catherine parades around the town with comfortable steps. Before long, I have reached the vacant land at district 13, and I heard the happy voices of the children. When I looked, I saw the children of the wolf tribe playing noisily with the soccer ball which I gave them.

"Ah! It's Fujiwara-sama!" One of the children noticed me.

Then, everyone stopped playing and called my name as they came over to me.

Fu fu, good boys, good boys.

[TL: It was talking about how they are good kids, not because they are only boys, since the author didn't put specific gender on it]

Still, it feels strange now. Everyone has ears at the top of their heads, and there are some children's faces that completely look like a wolf. When I think about how they evolved seriously, I stopped because I don't think that I will be able to sleep at night.

“Are you guys doing well?” I asked.

I got down from Catherine, and take the bag of konpeito from my breast pocket. The children, with delighted faces, thrust both of their hands toward me.

“Get in line.” I stated.

I drop the konpeito one by one onto their palms. When the children get it, they immediately throw it inside their mouths, and rolled with their tongues. The figures of children eating the the konpeito with great relish filled me with a warm and fluffy feeling.

“Fujiwara-sama, do you want to play football together?” The boy was using honorifics that doesn’t seem suitable in the children.

He has the face of a wolf, and he was the smartest among the children. It looks like he’s the leader of the group.

When it was midsummer, the children can’t go out and play, so I handed over a board game and cards. The other boys had lost against this boy since the board game was a game using one’s mind. The other boys had fallen behind him. It was an unforgettable memory.

“Then, I will also participate.” I smiled.

I rubbed Catherine back and said ‘I will play a little bit’. As if she understood my words, she went to the roadside, folded her legs, and laid on her stomach while yawning. She is very smart.

I removed my heavy bulletproof vest, and spent my time with the children until 1 pm. But, I was cut off half way.

“Fujiwara-sama! Something happened!”

A female beastman appeared with a stern appearance. This state clearly looks unordinary. In fact, the next words that come out from her mouth suprise me.

“A large number of shadows appeared northeast of the town!”

“..! Is the other side human!?” I asked urgently.

“No. Because it was too far, we can’t be sure!” She replied.

“I understand! Stop all the people that are working on the farm and call them back to the town quickly! Children should break up and go back to your houses!” I ordered.

I put on my bullet proof vest again, and returned to my home with

Catherine. And then, I wore the mask and goggles. Furthermore, I had my rifle in my hand as I boarded the truck.

Will they come to North gate, or will they come from East gate? I was at a loss for a moment. If I go around from the East gate to the North gate, there will be a lot of time lost.

First, I go towards the East gate. After a while, I arrived at the east gate. There were no people from the wolf tribe here. That means the opposite party came from the north gate.

I stepped on the accelerator.

After a while, I arrived at North gate, and the people of the wolf tribe had already arrived. Some of the men on the stone walls were nervous.

“Fujiwara-sama!” Chief Jiharu ran towards me when I got off from the truck.

“Is the opposite party coming to the North Gate?” I questioned.

“Yes, there is still some considerable distance, but they are heading here.” He replied.

“Do you know of their race?” I asked.

“I can see some people with a cat’s face. However, because they are some distance away, I can’t be sure.” The chief answered.

It looks like they are not humans. I feel relieved. But, it is not a trivial thing. If they come to this wasteland intentionally, then they are following the wolf tribe’s pattern.

At the east side is a field. So, it will not be a problem if they come from the north. I need to be careful since the town’s stone wall doesn’t have turrets, and I need to pay attention to long distance attacks from bows.

I also feel nervous as I waited for the visitors.

When the opposite party approached this place, I could see their faces clearly. Among the people that look like humans, there are certainly some people that look like cats mixed in.

Before long, they had reached 200 meters from here.

“Stop there!” I shouted loudly.

Then, the people of cat tribe stopped. They have more people than the people from the wolf tribe. I think there is around 300 people there.

“If you have a request, I will hear it!” I shouted again.

Then one of the people, who called himself the chief of the cat tribe, answered.

“Can you share some food with us!?” The thing they said was as expected, it was the same as the people of wolf tribe.

Only after a dialogue did I treat them to the meal. And when their meal was over, I discussed together with the chief of the cat tribe together with Chief Jiharu, and it was decided that they will become residents of this town.

That was the beginning of people of different races coming to this town one after the other from autumn to winter. They were the Leopard tribe, Bird tribe, Deer tribe, Pig tribe, Raccoon tribe, Goblin tribe, and Kobold tribe.

It wasn’t necessary to explain about the beastman, although I was a little bit interested in how the creatures which have hooves can turn into five fingers and toes on their hands and feets.

But, explanation will be needed for the Goblins and the Kobolds. Both of them were creatures that I’ve only heard of in games, fantasy novels and movies. Both of them had sharp ears and big noses. They gave an impression of humans with green skin.

The height was different for Goblins and the Kobold tribe. The Goblins were short like children, and the Kobolds had heights that doesn’t seem much different from the humans’.

The clothes they wore were more elaborate than the beastmen, showing their intelligence level. When I focused on their hand, I saw that they have big hands and long fingers that doesn’t match their thin bodies. They told me that they are proud of their skillful hands.

And then, the Cat and the Goblin tribes, as well as the other tribes that were chased by humans, said that they went south alongside the river, and arrived here.

I would like to accept them as residents of this town. However, there is a problem with the division of housing.

At first, when I made this town, I didn’t think about the difference in race. I assumed that all the residents will be from the same race, so I thought that I should divide the people that will live here in two afterwards. As a result, the 16 districts were divided equally.

In one district, there are 47 houses. 4 to 5 people can fit in one house, so one district can fit 188 to 235 people. For example, the cat tribe has nearly 300 people, so it will be a problem since a fraction of their people will not be able to fit inside one district.

I thought about mixing them up with the others, but the peace and order of this town would deteriorated. For example, the Goblin and the Kobold tribe, even though they are from the same tribe, they are on bad terms with each other as if they are cats and dogs.

[TL: which I can't explain what happen between wolf tribe and cat tribe]

Well, it's because the Kobolds were proud of their height, and this made the goblins envy them, so it can't be helped if a story like that happened.

[ED: Seriously? That is one of the weirdest (stupidest) reasons ever, but to each his or her own.]

Anyway, if I mix the races now, it will certainly become the root of quarrels. Then, is it alright if I seperated every tribe?

[ED: Bad idea!]

As expected, fights will break out easily as the group grows bigger in this case. But, I should begin to mediate the issues.

In short, it will be hard to judge small fights in places where I can't see. So, I gathered every tribe, and their chief will take command of their own tribe, such is the method I chose.

When it comes to this issue, eventually, I coped by dividing the districts into ovals using fences. The people from other tribes were told not to enter inside the fence without their permission. Of course, I can enter without their permission, but...

There is still a number of houses inside the town that can afford to house more people. However, if they have children, and their families increased, the town will be full immediately. I have to think about making new houses outside of the town.

The agriculture was doing ok. There was some deficit at first, however, it gradually improved, and it already shifted back to black. If the number of people increase, the black ink will increase too.

As the calm time passed, it has already been 2 years since I arrived in this different world. That year, I was able to see a human at last.

017 - two years later 2

“Fuwa~a…” I woke up around noon, and looked at the calendar while yawning.

April 12.

It was the day on which I arrived in this world. This means that this town has reached its 2nd birthday today.

Yes, this is indeed a happy occasion. That is why I intend to hold a banquet today. Even though I have been always carefree, I planned on announcing the banquet while watching everyone work after a long time.

I ate [Soba] for my late breakfast, and wore my equipment besides my headgear, and went to town on Catherine’s back.

The inflow of immigrants to the town had stopped suddenly a year ago, and the sudden population growth disappeared. But since then, the town was slowly growing.

The town’s industry isn’t just agriculture anymore. The manufacturing industry and building trade were entrusted to the Goblins and Kobolds who are skillful with their fingers.

After all, I can’t always provide the insufficient things forever. Now, I would hand over the materials to them, and let them make the necessary things with it.

“Yo, how’s the progress?” I called out.

“Oh, Fujiwara-sama.” The Kobold’s chief looked up.

The place was immediately outside of the west gate. The Kobolds had laid sun dried bricks there, creating several rectangular houses.

“How are the houses?” I asked.

“Yes, I think the durability has become much better. However, as expected, I can’t say anything until the ground shaking actually happens.” He reported.

The brick house they had completed last time had been easily destroyed when a small earthquake happened recently.

So this time, they added an improvement - placing lumber between the bricks when building the houses.

There’s a reason to build the houses in this way. If it was only to build a sturdier house, I would only need to provide a large quantity of lumber for them to build the wooden houses.

However, it would cost money. Considering the saturation of the population in the future, we would need to find a cheaper building method.

“If it is still useless, maybe it would be better to consider something like a

tent.” I suggested.

“Eh, a tent?” The chief was a little surprised when he heard the word tent from my mouth.

Perhaps in his mind, he was imagining a three pole pillar covered with animal skin, which looks like those shabby conical dwellings.

[TL: like this]

However, what I was thinking was the Yurt which the nomadic Mongolians use. It's a dwelling that has nothing to criticise on, a truly splendid building.

By bundling up thin timbers for the framework, it becomes flexible and strong against shaking. We don’t have wool to make curtains to cover the house, but raw cotton is being grown. The cotton will be enough as a substitute for the sheep’s wool.

Even if it collapses during an earthquake because the structure used was light weight, the residents will not be harmed.

“Well, anyway, can I entrust the designing of the houses to you?” I requested.

“Yes, leave it to me!” The chief replied enthusiastically.

“Ah, that’s right. A banquet will be held today in front of the north gate. After the bell signalling the end of work rings, those who want to participate

can come to the gate while bringing their own glasses. Please inform everyone in your tribe.” I instructed.

“Is that true?! I understand!” He was very excited.

After informing him about the banquet, I pulled on Catherine’s reins and left the place.

“Oi, it seems like there is a banquet today! We can drink liquor free of charge!” The chief announced.

“Uhyo~! Thank you very much, Fujiwara-sama!”

I could hear the joyful voices of the Kobolds behind me.

What came next was a pasture next to the place where the Kobolds were building the houses. Several dozens of camels were kept there.

Now then, the story was from last winter. It dates back to a chilly morning day.

I was sleeping soundly like a log when my telephone rang suddenly. According to the explanation, the camels were eating the crops. Because the person who found about the problem knew I was taking good care of Catherine, instead of handling it themselves, they reported it to me.

Of course, I forbid them from harming the camels immediately. And then, the camels became holy creatures and partners to the townspeople.

[TL: the church of camels, was established that day on the southern town.]

But, camels have rough tempers. It can be said that Catherine is a graceful lady and was attached with me immediately, but, the other camels weren’t so quiet.

[TL: fck, am I translating camels road story?]

As a result, I made the Goblin tribe create a pasture outside of the town first. I personally hand feed the camels in order to get them used to people.

When the camels got used to people, it's when they show their true value. The camels are wonderful They could plow the fields, carry heavy baggages, and let people ride on them. Camels’ milk is also very nutritious. I don’t have anything to say anymore.

Furthermore, the dry feces of Camels can be used directly as fuel. When there are a lot of people using firewood, the cost isn’t something to be sneezed at.

There were some people that showed disapproval at first, but when I began to sun dry it, the others started to follow. In this way, the town obtained another source of fuel aside from firewood.

[TL: oh god…. Another feces….]

The camels were not only a source of labour, but also a source of energy. They had already become a necessary friend to this town.

Getting back to the subject...

The pasture was divided into eight fields, and the camels that each tribe keeps spend their time leisurely.

By the way, there are nine tribes inside the town, but the number of ranches was one short. This was because the goblins' group has small bodies, so I judged it as dangerous.

The Goblin tribe enviously opposes the Kobolds, saying [We want camels too!], but of course, I couldn't approve of it. At that moment, they have shown a vexed expression.

Nowadays, I have been wondering if I could have gotten them ponies instead.

"Yo, how are the camels?" I called out.

"Ah, Fujiwara-sama. All the camels are doing well." The one who just spoke was a man from the Deer tribe who had just returned with the camels tied in tow.

The camels were brought to feed on the grass of lands planned for agriculture.

“How is it? Is there any promising stock suitable to become Catherine’s groom?” At the same time, I asked so.

“GUEEEEE!!!” Catherine cried out.

Then, as if to escape Catherine, all the camels in the pasture moved to the corners.

“Hahaha....” The man smiled wryly.

This was the response. The other camels only had one hump. However, Catherine’s body is much bigger than other camels, and has 2 humps too. All the other camels feared Catherine.

“Alright, alright. You still have me.” I consoled.

While patting Catherine’s scruff, I conveyed that I will hold a banquet today, and left the place.

Next, I went to the farm. The farming zone spread all over the east side of town. Due to the vast area, the people in charge of the distant farmlands could be seen using the camels every morning and evening.

This place was used as a crop rotation field, and has some irrigation.

I had intended to prevent the salt accumulation on the land with the incorporation of salt absorbing plants in the crop rotation, but, this was a story for the future.

During harvest time, the crops collected will be stored inside the high wall that I had built recently at the back of my home, where I was secretly [selling] them afterwards.

Every month, I [purchased] [rice] and distributed it equally to the people of the town Like this, the troublesome tax management was simplified.

But, if it remains like this, the townspeople wouldn't feel right about it. For that reason, I had discreetly prepared a field for each tribe which they could use as they pleased.

Of course, I will be troubled if they only work on their own fields, so the size of the fields will be adjusted depending on the number of people inside the tribes.

In addition, when I distributed the food, I also circulated some [Japanese Yen]. With this money, they can use it to buy luxury goods like liquor in the town.

By the way, introducing Japanese Yen would not affect the [Time Period]. This would not mean that it equals to the [Buying] of the [Japanese Yen], but rather a [Cashing] of the currency of the world's data.

In the first place, all of Edo period's things were bought with the currency value of a modern world. In regards to the currency used, it is obvious to say that the [Time Period] would have no effect on it.

The ones in charge of agriculture were the beastmen. I looked over everyone farming while being jolted on Catherine's back, and I returned after informing everyone about the banquet today.

Finally, after I arrived in town, I went to visit the Goblin tribe. The 16th district was formerly a vacant land, but now, several shacks have been built, and the goblins were working outside.

The goblins were basically the town's handymen. They create and repair the stuff that the townspeople requested and ordered.

During their free time, they made the stuff that I had ordered.

"Ah, Fujiwara-sama." Upon noticing me, the chief came and greeted me.

"How is the spinning wheel?" I asked

What I had asked was regarding the spinning wheel that was to be mass produced. The spinning wheel was used to create yarn. Once, India launched a Swaraj Campaign against a large country like Britain. It was also a famous symbol used by Gandhi.

"There are no problems as far as for the manufacturing goes. However, if we need to provide one for each family, it will some take time, as expected." He reported.

"Hmm..."

I looked at the people who were working From the looks of it, the members of the Goblin tribe seemed to be making one machine each.

“Then, how about making it like this?” I gave a suggestion.

It’s work allotment. Select a person to make each part, and each person will produce that part only. Afterwards, a different person will assemble it. Well, it’s common sense in the modern era.

“Hmm...” The chief seemed to be thinking.

As people who have strong spirits of craftmenship, I have heard that they were eager to do it by themselves from the beginning to the end.

[TL: I am beginning to wonder whatever the author is mixing a goblins with dwarf]

“It is simply an idea. If you are reluctant about it, you can do it as it is now.”

“No, let’s try it. If we don’t try it, we will not know if it is good or bad.” The chief decided.

Oh, he said something good there.

“Then, I’ll be counting on you.” I stated.

Finally, I conveyed that I will hold a banquet and left the place.

In the evening, a banquet to celebrate the second anniversary since the town was built commenced.

They showed great excitement for the party. However, the fact that the town hit its 2nd anniversary was only known by me.

018 - Human 1

When I recorded the temperature for one year, I finally understood the four seasons of this land.

	The highest temperature	The lowest temperature
January	10.8	-0.1
February	13.2	1.3
March	18.0	5.1
April	24.8	10.7
May	28.1	12.9
June	34.7	16.0
July	40.2	20.0
August	39.4	19.2
September	33.1	15.3
October	26.0	11.1
November	18.0	5.3
December	11.6	0.7

[TL: All of it was in celsius]

The Goblin tribe and the Kobold tribe seemed to have mingled with humans in the past, and this world seems to have 365 days in one year too. I've only arrived in this world two years ago in April, but after a year, I learnt that the April in the

previous world occurs at the same time as the April in this world.

——And then, the town's 2nd anniversary in April was over. It's already May, and the sunlight has gradually become stronger.

Today, when I was playing with Catherine again as usual, the phone started ringing inside the house. When I went in to answer the call, I could hear Jiharu's impatient voice.

"Fujiwara-sama, this is serious! Humans! Humans are coming here!"

—— Humans. Hearing these words, I become so surprised that I accidentally dropped the phone.

Could it be that they've come to invade? Why? No, the humans should not know that there is a town here.

Then, why did they come to this land? They've already fled from this land because of that one earthquake. Why would they come to this place intentionally?

Did they come to chase the beastmen? Why now?

I couldn't reach a conclusion in my mind, so I asked. "How many people are there?"

"From what I heard, there are 3 people! They are asking for us to share some food!"

What, so there’s only 3 people. In addition, they are only asking for food, eh? After hearing their purpose and numbers, I was relieved.

Insignificant.

I have heard about humans from each tribe’s chief until now, and from what I’ve heard, as long as there are not many of them, the tribe will not lose. Even the small-sized Goblin tribe said so proudly, though everyone looked at them derisively.

Also, I need to pay attention to the existence of magic. I have heard stories about people who can use magic in the Goblin and the Kobold tribes. None of them were considered magicians with considerably high rank since their magic can’t do much in battle, and using a bow and sword is much stronger.

Well, magic is more useful in daily life, like cooking with fire. Though the fire’s strength is small, the fire was recognized to speed up the cooking process. In fact, people who have fire magic usually aim to be a cook first. However, though there are many people who awaken to fire magic, they don't seem to easily become a cook though.

In the case of water, it will be used as filtered water. There are only a few types of water that humans can drink, so it’s common sense for humans to create water for drinking with magic. Then, like the medieval era Europe in my previous world, there’s no culture here that developed long-term water storage for brewing sake, or so I thought, but I guess the humans here also drink sake heartily. Maybe they‘ve already secured their drinking water supplies, which is why they can drink as much sake as they want.

[TL: all the liquor written in this series was written with kanji of sake 酒, it can mean Japanese Sake or just alcohol. So I will use sake from now on. I didn't know if the Liquor industry in european need to have certain kind of water to be used to made their Liquor but, sake need a certain water to be used to maintain their flavor, that is why major sake production in japan will invest some of their money to maintain their water spring to be clear from any pollution]

If it's light, it's a light source. But, light magic is rare, and the one that awakens to this magic will usually be promised fame, and work for the Royal Family or high-ranking aristocrats as light technicians.

[ED: Lol what. You have a rare gift but instead of becoming a court magician, you become a lighting technician?!]

There are also earth and wood that's usually used for crop development, and metal is for smithing, and so on.

How should I say it… It feels like a story from dreams. It made my heart throb like the time when I was choosing the ability cards.

But well, if I think about it carefully, it's not a story that I can't understand. For example, assuming that I was conjuring fire, the speed and distance when I imagine it... It's unlikely that it can beat bows. But, it's alright if used at point blank distances.

There were also high magicians on the cards with [Big] and [Extra Big] tacked on. I was interested in how big the difference was, but when I asked the chiefs of Goblin and Kobold tribes, neither of them knew.

Getting back on topic about the three humans… I wonder if the three humans are soldiers, or where they come from. In any case, if their purpose is only food, then we don't need to be hostile, even if they happen to be ridiculously strong or something.

[ED: NAIVE! You will suffer....]

“First of all, you need to prevent a fight from starting. I will go immediately after I get ready.” I instructed and hung up.

After I was fully armed, I got onto Catherine and went to the site.

“I am relying on you, Catherine!” I told her.

“GUEEEEEE!” Catherine began trotting furiously after crying out.

Although the speed was quite fast, this wasn't her best speed. According to the book written about camel ecology, camels seem to be able to run at about 60 km/hour.

Camels sure is amazing.

We move quickly through the main street. There is not even a shadow of peole here. In no time, I arrived at the town’s outskirts, and a crowd of several hundreds of people were already there.

“It’s Fujiwara-sama!” One of them noticed my presence.

Then, everyone stirred and turned to face me.

“Please make way.” I requested.

When I said that, the road opened like the Red Sea before Moses.

Three human males could be seen ahead. One was a tall adult male with blonde hair wearing refined clothes. As for the other two, they are still young, and their clothes aren’t as refined as that adult’s.

These three people were trembling. At that moment, it was decided that they, who were humans, were weak and posed no threat.

[ED: Again, NAIVE!]

I thought it was natural for them to be afraid since they are weak. If I was put in their shoes, I would also be trembling like them.

“I-If you put your hands on us, the Sandra Kingdom will not remain silent!” The adult shouted at me.

This looks more like a bluff than a threat. Using a huge country as a shield, he planned to establish his position.

“What did you come here for?” I ignored his threat.

“I-It's for academic research! It's not for something suspicious!” He answered

defensively.

[TL: hmmm....]

[ES: Suspicious! Slave hunting?】

[TL: no.... I was thinking about other thing that man research for *cough* cough academic purpose *cough]

“What investigation?” I pressed.

“I am a geographer, so of course it’s to investigate this unknown land!” He declared.

“Then, why are you in such a condition? There is no reason for you to come here without food.” I commented.

“We were attacked by lynxes! We also lost our horses, and just barely escaped here! The food was still loaded in carriage!”

[ED: Why the hell would you bring a carriage on a geographical survey? The suspicion deepens…]

Lynxes are similar to leopards. They appear near this area frequently. They have been targeting the farmers and the camels that were grazing on the land, and subjection corps have been sent out several times already.

I see. I can roughly understand from their story. Then, in that case.

“It is your own fault.” The words were said in low voice.

The crowd murmured about their hate towards humans.

“You should just die.”

“This is the retribution for driving us out.”

With that as a trigger, the people started to jeer in low voices.

And, a certain man from bird tribe said. “Fujiwara-sama, let’s kill them.”

The tone of his voice made me tremble. Those scholars become frightened as well.

[ED: You sure they’re scholars?]

“What’s the reason for us to kill them?” I asked.

“If we leave them alive and allow them to return, the human army will also come here.” A Kobold answered my question.

—— The human army will come to attack, huh?

This certainly isn’t an impossible thing. This is a town formed by beastmen who were driven out by the humans. If various tribes of beastmen live together, they will become hostile towards humans easily, so it is not strange for them to feel a

sense of danger.

But....

“I won’t do that.” I announced.

“..! Why?!” The Kobold raised his voice.

“That is because they didn’t commit any evil deeds.” I stated.

“However, human countries drove us away! Every country does that without exception!” He protested.

That’s certainly true. The risk of letting them go, or taking advantage of them, and the way human beings treat beastmen… Those may be the real reasons why they won't give exceptions. So, the suggestion of that Kobold wasn’t wrong.

However, as expected, I will not have a good night’s sleep if I let them die. For example, if they tried to harm me, I will be able to pull the trigger of the gun without care. But, they haven’t done anything wrong in front of me yet.

Sure, their country did many evil deeds to the beastmen. But, I don't want to think that a country and its people are the same. Although men do make up a country, one person's crimes should not be considered as the whole country's crimes.

The morals of the Japanese is already ingrained deep inside me. Even if I forget about my previous world from now on, I think I wouldn’t want to forget about

my morals.

“Still… Still. As the head of this town, I order you. You must not harm them.” I commanded.

When I announced my final decision, everyone could only accept it reluctantly.

019 - Human 2

First, I dismissed the beastmen that were gathered here.

Chief Jiharu was worried about me being alone with the humans, so he insisted to stay until the end, but I said that I have my ways of self defense and sent him back.

So right now, there were only the three humans and me at the north gate.

Cough

I coughed without any meaning.

However, even though I didn't do anything, they became scared. In their eyes, I, who was looking down at them on Catherine, was a very strong beastman. If I don't get rid of their fear, we might not be able to talk calmly.

That's why I removed the helmet, goggles, and face mask.

"A... Aahh..!" The blond man's voice trembled with delight.

The eyes of the other two became round with surprise and delight.

"A-Are you a human!?" The blond man asked excitedly.

"Yes. My name is Fujiwara. I am the head of this town." I replied.

"Aah... It feels like the rain after a drought..!" The tall blond man clapped his hands together and prayed to the heavens. The other two people had glowing faces too.

"And you are..?" I asked.

“Ah, how impolite of me. My name is Frost, a geographic researcher from the Sandra Kingdom.” He stated. “These two are my apprentices... Hey, introduce yourselves.”

The other two introduce themselves to me.

I nod in return.

“Now then... Even if I give you food here, you will just be attacked by lynxes again on your way back.” I explained.

“Uurgh... That’s true.” Frost scowled.

“Did you come here unarmed?” I questioned.

Upon hearing this question, the apprentices’ faces became red.

“The two of them can use the bow, however, we were attacked suddenly. So, all we could do was escape while leaving the bows in the carriage. Augh, so embarrassing...” Frost bashfully confessed about what had happened.

He doesn’t seem to blame his apprentices… Frost really has a big heart, huh?

“Anyway, you must be tired. How about you rest up at this town first? I will escort you to a place without lynxes later. Naturally, I will give you food too.” I told them of my plans.

“Ooh! I am thankful for that.” Frost smiled widely.

There is no way I can let them die at a place where I can see. But, I don’t intend to give it to them free of charge.

First, I will squeeze information out of them. Then, as a token of friendship, I will make them swear to not tell anyone about this place. I need to protect this place by all means.

[TL: dude you are too naive.]

[ED: yeah… the town will probably be destroyed once in the future or something…]

In case something bad happens to these humans... I need to prepare for it.

“This is an important point if you want to enter the town. I think you already know that the residents of this town aren’t humans.They are beastmen who were driven out of their lands by humans. Please DO NOT provoke them. If anything happens to you because of that, I will not take any responsibility for it.” I instructed them sternly.

“I... I understand... Are you guys also alright with that..?” Frost turned to ask his apprentices.

“Y-Yes.” One of them nodded.

“I...I understand.” The other nodded as well.

“Then, please follow me.” I requested.

Thus, I led the three of them into the town.

As we went past the gate, their gazes wandering all over, perhaps because their curiosities were provoked by the Japanese-styled townscape.

After a while, we finally arrived at the inn which was usually closed.

I opened the door and entered the building.

“Please enter. Please take off your shoes as well.” I told them.

This place was cleaned with the help of the townspeople once a month, so the inside was relatively clean. However, there was still a little bit dust at the entrance.

I opened the windows one by one to let the sunlight pour inside. Then, I guided them to one of the guest rooms. There was nothing inside besides the tatami mats and a desk.

“Please, sit down.” I gestured.

“Th-Then…” Frost did so nervously.

When he sat down, his apprentices followed suit. They seemed curious about the tatami mat as they used their hands to touch it.

“I was intending to prepare a drink, but perhaps you’ll prefer a meal more?” I offered.

Then, a growling sound was emitted from the stomach of one apprentice.

“I will bring the meal then.” I stated evenly.

“Ah, because my apprentices can use water magic, can you just give us some glasses? We’re not sure if the water from this place will suit us or not, so...” Frost requested uneasily.

“Alright, I will do that then.” I nodded.

“I apologise for our selfishness.” He frowned.

“No, that’s alright. It’s natural.” I assured them.

I left the room and summoned Town Data as I walked to the first floor.

Now then… What should I give them? If I provide a dish using ingredients that they don’t know of, it might be troublesome if they became interested in this place. It's better to provide them with dishes made from cheaper and more common ingredients if possible.

As expected, it should be bread. I heard that the humans of this world usually eat bread. However, I need to pay attention to the quality of the bread. Since the bread in my original world was invented in modern time, there is a possibility that that kind of bread has not been invented here yet. In that case, it will be troublesome if they tried to ask about the recipe. Would it much better to dish out naan, a type of flatbread that is easy to make to them?

I operated the screen and purchased naan, boiled eggs, and salt.

This should be good. I will serve them vegetables for dinner. I will ask the goblin and kobold tribes what humans eat before I take it out to them later. After waiting for some time for the dishes to cook, I brought the dishes to their room.

Afterwards, I explained to them about how to use the toilet and heat up the

bath water, prepared a change of clothes, and consoled them as much as possible.

Everything was done by me alone. It might be my first labour since I arrived in this world.

After they cleaned up, we had a late dinner. Then, I served meat, vegetables, as well as liquor for dinner.

After dinner.

“Ah, thank you very much for saving us today.” Frost smiled at me as he held a cup of sake in his hand.

His apprentices weren’t present in this room. It seemed like they felt uncomfortable to be in the same room as their teacher, so I prepared another room for them.

“No, please don’t mind it.” I assured him.

“Still, this town is amazing. I have never seen this kind of unique architecture before. It feels so refined and impressive! Was all of this built by you?” He asked.

“Yes. All of the construction techniques were from me.” I lied with a poker face.

To the real inventors, I am truly sorry.

“I see... To have such a deep insight... I can understand now why the beastmen obeyed your orders.” Frost nodded. “As expected of this world’s wisdom. The intelligent people always stand at the top. Even in a country, they will be able to lead people at ease. Don’t you think so?”

I see. Being intelligent is something to be proud of here. I can understand if there is a such place. However, I am not really that good at using my head.

But, I don’t correct Frost.

“That’s right. If I may add on, it should be wisdom and sincerity. If they have

these two, ordinary people will be able to find happiness.” I stated.

“Oooh, as expected! You are an intelligent person!” Frost gushed.

For some reason, I was being praised.

“No, I can’t match a scholar like you.” I smiled back politely.

“You are just too modest.” He grinned.

While praising me, Frost held out the brown sake bottle to me, wanting to pour me a drink. When I lifted my empty sake cup to receive it, I also grabbed another sake bottle and offered it to him.

“By the way, did you come to investigate the geography here because of the earthquake, or did you come here to investigate the minerals and vegetation around here?” I asked.

“That reminds me, I haven’t talked about the detailed objective of our trip.” He looked embarrassed for a moment. “Do you know if there is a desert south of here?”

“Yes, of course I know about it since I live here.” I replied.

“Then, what about what’s in there?” He asked.

“I don’t know, unfortunately...” I shook my head.

“We came here to check what’s in there!” Frost suddenly snorted in excitement.

“However, since there is only desert there, nothing might be there.” I cautioned.

“That may be so, but, there is still a possibility that something is there! It’s important for me to see it with my own eyes!” He shouted enthusiastically.

“I see. Certainly, it is as you’ve said.” I nodded.

Not only is he smart, but his adventurer’s spirit is also praiseworthy.

“However, it will be dangerous, as expected. I don’t think the horses from the north can tolerate the heat from desert. The horses’ hooves will sink into the

sand, which will sap their stamina.” I mused aloud. “Wait, you said that you used a horse carriage right? If you used it in the desert, will not it feel like riding in the swamp?”

“Uuu... Actually, I have never seen a desert before. That’s why I didn’t know it was filled with sand all these years. That’s why I didn’t know whether the earth was hard or soft...” Frost’s voice gradually became softer and softer, probably because he was ashamed with himself.

“Is that so? Well, anyway, I’m glad you’re safe. Here you go.” I poured him some sake.

“Then please excuse me.” Frost drank the sake immediately.

Immediately after this, I receive another pour of sake from him too.

Now then, we should talk about the main subject now.

“How’s your city doing right now?” I tried to ask about the Sandra Kingdom ambiguously.

Since we have a lot of beastmen here,he might become suspicious if I ask straight out. Therefore, I used a vague word like city. I intended to expand the talk from here.

[ED: Tiny naive child…]

“The city? Aah, Sandra Kingdom, huh? To be honest, it is not good or bad.” He sighed.

Bingo. Frost didn’t even mind about my use of the word ‘city’. He just concluded that city meant Sandra Kingdom itself.

“Not good or bad? For me who is living in the countryside, it will be quite troubling to make something of that.” I pretended to be confused.

“The king is indecisive and ignorant of politics. When the church forbid war, peace gradually came. But, because he is being misled by traitorous ministers, the gold inside the treasure doesn’t increase.” Frost sighed again. “Because the

misgovernment isn't too extreme, as long as there is no big disaster, the people will not starve. That is why I can't say whether it's good or bad."

The church was of the Rashia religion, the number one religion in this continent. The goblin and kobold tribes said that humans were the first believers of this religion.

"Didn't you say that they forbid war? I heard that the beastmen were being driven out by humans. Does it not apply to the beastmen?" I asked.

One of Frost's eyebrows twitched.

"I am sorry. I am ignorant about human society for a long time because I've lived in this place for years, so..." I hastily added.

This type of reply shouldn't be strange, I hope.

Frost seemed to understand, and he began to speak carefully.

"The church forbid war between nations. No matter what the reason was, the person who started the war will be excommunicated. Until now, every country was in a war, so they tried to find an advantage outside all the time. However since they can't do that anymore, their attention turn inwards." He paused for a moment. "There was some land where the beastmen lived. Because it was small, it should have been overlooked. Even though it was small, but, if many were to be collected, it will become a lot. It was something like that."

After he finished, Frost placed his cup on the desk with loud clink. His cheeks were rosy, but his eyes seemed to be peeking at me.

"I understand your real intentions. I would be worried about this town too."

It was a bullseye. I was shaken, for him to be able to guess my real intention with only two question… But, I still smiled while grasping the sake cup with one hand.

"I can guess why you were building a town in this place, and why you were accompanied by beastmen. ...Do you want to hear about it?" He asked.

"Please." I nodded.

"You sympathized with the beastmen who starved and have lost a place to go to. Isn't that why you made a town for beastmen? You said the things necessary

for a person to govern were wisdom and sincerity. Weren't you talking about yourself?" Frost laid everything out.

No, you're wrong. The reason why I made this town was for me until the end. But, because of that, I was able to rescue the beastmen. I was honestly happy about it.

Bond. In my original world, this word was a cliche that was used at every opportunity, but in this world, I was able to feel the bond with the beastmen in this town.

Of course with Catherine, we are already connected by a bond that was like a chain that can never been untied any more.

[TL: *vomit]

[ED: beastiality OAO]

"That's right. I made this town for the beastmen. At this place where humans can't live, our only wish is to live quietly. Therefore, even if you return to your country, can you please not tell anyone about this place?" I used pleading words and lowered my head to him.

[TL: naive! Too naive!]

[ED: I can hear the sounds of a human army marching over alr lol]

"Please stop this. If you want to silence us, you can just kill us and be done with it.

However, you didn't do that. So, why should we ignore your request?" He quickly stopped me.

Afterwards, because Frost said I that I could ask about anything, I asked about this world without restraint. First, I asked about the Sandra Kingdom. Then, I brought out a piece of scrap cloth to draw a map of this world, and learn about the situation of this world.

We continued to talk until late into the night. He seemed eager to tell me more and more about the world.

When day broke, Frost was still asleep, so they decided to stay for one more day, and so, we talked again from noon till night.

Then, on the third day since Frost and his apprentices had arrived.

“Well then, I will entrust the city to you, Chief Jiharu.” I told him solemnly.

“Yes, leave it to me.” He replied seriously.

I leave the town to Chief Jiharu, and went to send off Frost and his apprentices. Originally the plan was to part ways after we went past the territory of the lynxes, but we didn’t since they also taught us about the other side with good intentions too. That was why I decided to escort Frost and his apprentices to the vicinity of the human village.

Even though it was short, Frost was my teacher, and I, his student.

At the same time, the escort also included four people from the wolf tribe. All of them were riding camels.

There were five camels, including Catherine. Three of the camels were used by Frost and his apprentices, while the people from the wolf tribe rode the camels in pairs.

Humans and wolfmen…

It felt awkward at the beginning, but after they got used to each other, it didn’t bother anyone anymore. Also, I’ve told the wolfmen beforehand that the humans were guests.

In the middle of journey, the lynxes approached the group after seeing that there were only a few of people in the group. But, they were easily killed by the wolfmen with bows.

On the ninth day of the journey, we parted ways with Frost and his apprentices and returned to the town.

It was on the sixteenth day after we left the town that we safely returned to

the town once more.

On our way back, the bodies of the lynxes disappeared one by one.

020 - Athletic Meet

“Fuu...” I sighed.

The first thing I did after returning from the long trip was to take a bath before falling onto my bed from the side.

“So soft...” I mumbled.

Although sleeping outside wasn't that bad, the bed inside the house was still the best.

“Yotto.” I huffed.

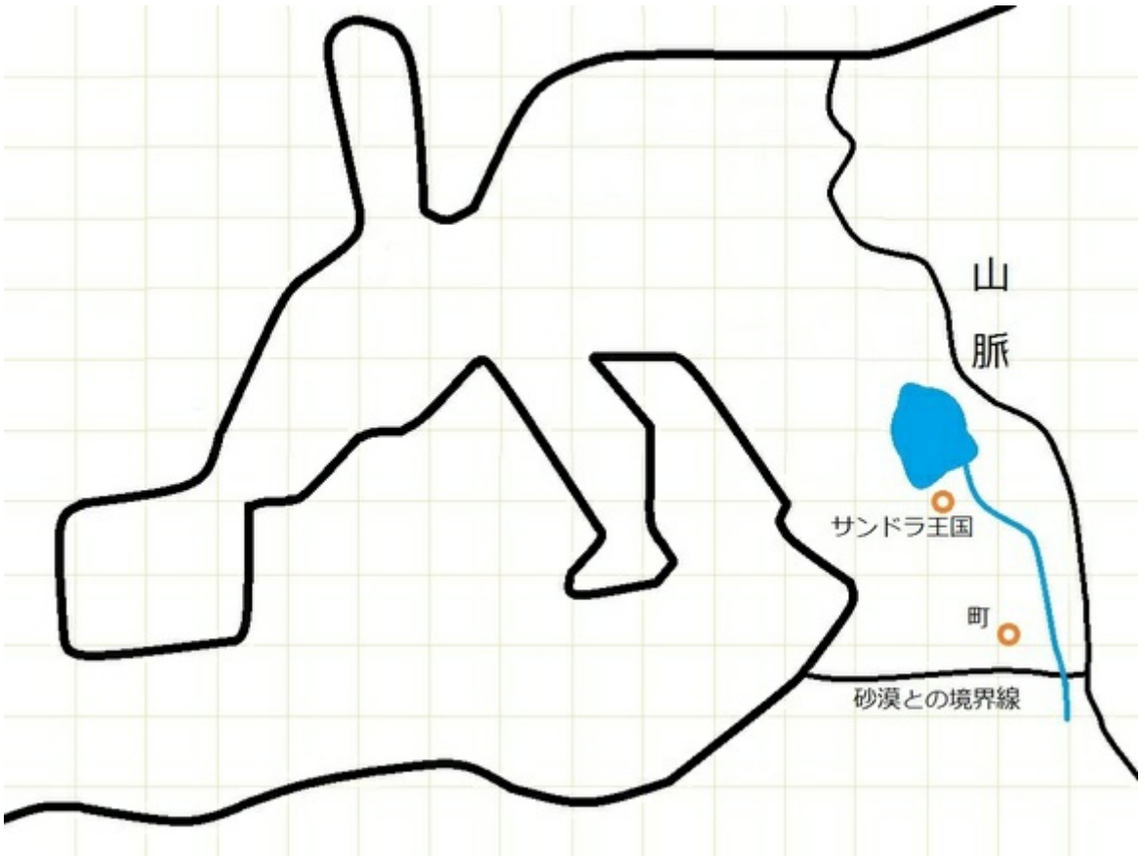
While hanging down at the lower part of the bed, I rolled over and laid on my back.

The light from the ceiling is dazzling. While squinting my eyes, I was able to rest since things ended up without any problems.

When I go on a long journey, my only concern was about leaving the town for some days. However, there were no problems, and the town was going on like usual when I returned.

I closed my eyes and tried to sleep, but, I couldn’t sleep.

Ah, I can’t help it... I get up and picked up the piece of cloth on the desk. The map of this continent was drawn on it.



[TL:

山脈 = mountain range

砂漠との境界線 ＝ boundary line to the Desert

サンドラ王国が = Sandra Kingdom

町 = town]

When I look at it like this, I think it really looks like Europe. The continent is called Dragon’s Jaw (Ryu no Ago). Beyond mountain range on the east is a land of intense cold that has never been explored by humans before. According to the rumours, it was said that a Demon King is living there.

At the south is a desert. It’s also a land where mankind haven’t set their foot on yet.

Also, since there were demons living inside the sea, navigation techniques were still uninvented.

Who knows if there was an existence like the African Continent in my original world since the sand was occasionally being carried with South wind.

And there is the Sandra Kingdom to the north of this town. Frost said that Sandra kingdom's military have never come to this land before. Although that won't remain so as long as the peace of human society still continue as it is, but that is unlikely.

‘The church forbade the waging of wars between nations, but, it didn’t say anything about internal fighting. There are plenty of internal disturbances like territorial disputes, civil war, or fighting over inheritances.

If the scheme from other countries were mixed in here, a fight would happen inside the country eventually, and it will eventually lead to a war between nations.

Church's edict? Fufu... As long as a great amount of money and a trigger are involved, war will always happen. After all, the peace was only the preparatory period for next war.

If what Frost said is true, then this land can continue to enjoy peace as it is. But, I am not that immature to trust everything he said. I should assume the worst...

Yeah.

When Frost and his company reveal this town's existence, the Sandra Kingdom will send its military force to this land.

A few days later...

I noticed a small incident in the town. The townspeople still made contact with me as if nothing had changed at the first glance, but I can feel that the air was a little bit different from before.

However, I know the cause was that I helped Frost who was a human. Because I sided with humans, it gave birth to dissatisfaction among them.

But, it didn’t happen for the wolf tribe who had been with me since the beginning. Because we’ve spent a long time together, we had a deep bond. In that case, the relationship with other races will also be repaired with the passage of time.

But, no matter how I think about it, I am a fool.

I am a human, the same race as the ones who took the home of the beastmen. That’s why, it wouldn’t be strange if the dissatisfaction of the beastmen changed into doubt, which is why I don’t intend to leave their dissatisfaction alone.

“So, let’s organize an athletic meet!” I declared.

“An athletic... Meet, is it?” The man hummed.

I talked about my plans at Jiharu’s house of while beating him in reversi as the clacking of the pieces meeting the board echoed in the room.

The festival will be called the Athletic Meet. The winner will be rewarded with glory and sake. In addition, I will treat everyone to sake as well.

“Yes, because we compete over individual technique and ability, the one who’s in first place will be rewarded with a gift.” I explained.

It was like a festival. However, if we hold just a banquet like usual, the excitement won't be enough. Therefore, I let them compete with each other to dissipate their dissatisfaction.

“I see. So, what are we competing in?” Jiharu asked.

“Running, archery, javelin throwing, camel racing, and maybe reversi too.” I replied.

The point was to excite everyone, but the next obstacle was about the Goblin and Kobold tribes who had weaker physical strength. They will never have a winning chance if they compete in physical ability only.

However, for the camel racing, Catherine and I will naturally win the championship. Therefore, I prepared the reversi section.

Currently, reversi is the best entertainment in town. Also, it will be advantageous for the Goblin and Kobold tribes who were more intelligent. Unlike other board games, it doesn’t take too much time too. It would be over in no time while the rest compete in the sporting events.

“Understood. I will make some adjustments as well. But, if everyone were to take charge of the work, that will leave some people who will be unable to participate.” Jiharu raised a good point.

“Yeah. I will send some sake as a reward for those people as well.” I decided.

The universal language of the world is gold, but it is sake in this town.

Two days later...

《With this, the first event of the Athletic Meet will start!》 While standing on the top of a stand, I used the loudspeaker to conduct the opening ceremony of the Athletic Meet.

Great shouts of joy broke out almost immediately. Everyone went to have a drink, and were already getting excited.

I was the host while several wolfmen will be acting as assistants in Athletic

Meet.

The first competition was short distance running, also known as sprinting.

The preliminary sprint consisted of 3 races. Each tribe will pick 3 people, and each participant can only participate in 1 race. By the way, the participants from the Goblin tribe abstained from all the sporting events, but they surrounded the stage for reversi, which had a desk and a chair at the corner.

“On your mark, get set...” I announced.

After a shout, I pulled the trigger of the handgun that I had pointed to the sky. Then, an earsplitting, intense sound echoed.

Of course, I didn’t actually shoot any bullets. It was a blank round. However, even with a blank round, if it was shot at close range, it still had enough power to make a hole in a steel can easily, so I need to be careful when using it.

At the sound of the gunshot, the participants lined up behind the line started to run.

As expected they are fast. It's my personal opinion, but I think they even surpassed Olympic-level athletes.

Roars of encouragement erupted from the audience as the players went over the goal one by one. The first place was someone from the Leopard tribe, the second place was someone from the wolf tribe, and in third place was the representative of the deer tribe These 3 people qualified for the next stage.

“Uoooooo!” The leopardman who took first place raised his fist over his head and roared.

The people from his tribe who were sitting at the side also gave thunderous

shouts of joy for their tribesman who won.

After that, the second preliminary round also concluded safely, and next was the third round.

Suddenly, a person whom I recognized appeared on the starting line as a participant. It was Mira from the Wolf tribe who had left town alone from before.

Our gazes met for an instant, and she turned her face abruptly. Maybe she still hates me...

“On your marks, get set...” I announced.

The participants waited for the signal to start as they got into position. An explosive bang echoed throughout the area, and at the same time, the participants ran towards the goal wholeheartedly.

For some reason, I supported Mira inside my mind. However—

“Aaah...” I unconsciously let out a disappointed sigh.

Because Mira was fourth, and was eliminated during the preliminary rounds.

There were tears of frustration at the edges Mira’s eyes.

I wanted her to win because I had a deeper relationship with her than others, but reality was harsh.

Well, she should work harder next time, was what I told myself as I pulled myself together and moved onto the finals.

《Now’s the time for the finals! These are the nine who still remain so far! As

mentioned previously, the Leopard tribe has 3 people taking first place in the preliminaries! How overwhelming! Next are three people from Deer tribe! Can they defeat the Leopard tribe in the finals?! Then, there are 2 people from the Wolf tribe and one from the Cat tribe! The final contestants are these nine people! All participants, please get behind the starting line!》 I delcared.

The participants took their positions in succession. I handed the loudspeaker to the wolfman who waited beside me. Then, I pointed the gun at the sky.

“On your marks, get set...” I shouted.

The audience fell silent at the same time, and the surrounding areas were wrapped in silence. And then, a loud bang violently tore through the silence. Loud cheers then poured out of the audience like a broken dam.

All the participants began running along their lanes respectively. Everyone moved their hands and feet furiously as they tried to move even a little bit more in that short time.

The result was that the first and second places were claimed by the Leopard tribe. As for the 3rd place... I wonder if it’ll be the leopardman or the one from the Deer tribe since from my position, they seemed to be arriving at the same time. According to the wolfmen who were holding the goal sash, in 3rd place was... The leopardman. The man from the Deer tribe had regrettably lost and placed fourth, but I’d still like to applaud him.

Still, even though it was the finals, it seemed like the correct answer was to award the winning prize down to the fourth place because it will look pathetic if all three rewards were swept up by people from the same race.

《The sprinting event ended with the overwhelming victory of the Leopard tribe! The contestant of the Deer tribe fought hard too, but wasn’t able to beat

them!》I commentated.

“UUUOOOOO!!!” Triumphant shouts that felt like earthquakes arose from the Leopard tribe.

《Because the awards ceremony will take place at the end of the event, can the participants who have just ran please watch the game till the end at your seats? Now then, let’s move on to the next event! The next event is... Archery! All participants, please gather!》I announced.

The venue was roiling with cheers for the participants once more. The competition advanced smoothly like this.

Time passed, before long, all the events had ended.

The Bird tribe won the archery event because of their superior eyesight, and as for the javelin throwing event, it was won by the people from the Boar tribe who were proud of their strength. As for reversi, a boy from the Wolf tribe defeated the Kobold and Goblin tribes, and won the championship. It was the same boy who defeated me two years ago.

His body had grown so much bigger from farm work that I almost didn’t recognize him. However, his intelligence didn’t seem to have changed from that time.

Also, the combination of Catherine and I was overwhelming at camel racing. As expected of my wife.

[TL: *vomit]

[ED: Lmao. Congrats on your marriage.]

When she had finished racing, Catherine stuffed her mouth with the weeds that were nearby, and began munching. How cute.

It could be said that the Athletic Meet produced a tremendous result. The

people who didn't get good results drank sake to soothe themselves. As for the awards ceremony…

All the participants ranked 1st to 4th from each competition stood proudly before me.

The people in first place were awarded a pendant, wine, and Japanese sake. Those in second and third places were awarded wine and Japanese sake while those in fourth place were awarded with watermelons and Japanese sake.

Cross leather chain: 50,000 yen (actual price 500 yen)

700 mls of red wine: 68,000 yen (actual price 680 yen)

1 sho of high class Japanese sake: 4000 yen.

Watermelon: 700 yen.

[TL: 1 sho is 1.8 liter]

A cheap pendant… Even though it was something insignificant in the previous world, it was considered valuable in this world.

As the pendants were hung on the necks of the participants, their tribesmen erupted with cheers immediately.

"Well done!"

"You are our pride!"

Praise flew from every corner of the event.

"Congratulations. That was some splendid archery skills." I commented.

Upon hearing me say so, the young man from the Bird tribe burst into tears.

"T-Thank you very much..!" He was deeply moved by my simple words.

“Well then, give your friends a wave!” I urged.

“Yes!”

With this, the first Athletic Meet came to a successful end.

Afterwards, the Athletic Meet was still discussed by everyone even after a week had passed, and they completely forget about the humans who had arrived and left not long ago.

021 - Knight

The warm spring was over, and the scorching hot summer had arrived. This sizzling hot summer was much better than the humid summers of Japan. However, because of the temperature was higher than Japan's summers, you'll need to be careful of dehydration.

Then, summer passed and it was now autumn. The temperature had fallen, and the air felt more pleasant. It was also the rainy season, so rain poured down occasionally and soaked the dried up land.

Even though winter was coming soon, weeds were still growing sparsely on the land.

On one day particular day...

"Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!" A loud sound suddenly resounded throughout the town.

"What is it?!" I woke up hurriedly from my carefree afternoon nap which I had taken with my back against Catherine.

Chaos happened within just a moment, but my mind understood the situation immediately.

The gong which I had installed on top of the town's stone walls was struck many times. The gong was hit once to inform everyone of the time, but if it was hit numerous times, then...

"Fujiwara-sama! Fujiwara-sama!" Along with the voice of someone yelling was

the sound of the gate being rapped on multiple times.

The voice didn't seem to belong to Jiharu, but another person instead. In other words, it was a situation of great emergency, so much so that Jiharu had to send someone over to pass the message rather than come personally.

Even the usually laidback Catherine had lifted her neck upon sensing the unusual crisis.

"What happened?!" I demanded.

I had a premonition, but I tried to shake off that idea as I questioned the person beyond the gate.

"It's the humans! There's a human army up north!" The person reported quickly.

When I heard this, I gritted my teeth and clenched my fists. What I was afraid of had occurred.

A human army. In other words, the armed forces of the Kingdom of Sandra have finally arrived.

"What's their position?!" I pressed.

"It was reported that they saw a cloud of dust in the distance from the hill!" The person replied.

Since Frost left, I had come up with the worst case scenario, and made preparations for it, such as having a watchtower for surveillance built on the hill several kilometers up north.

"Get everyone to evacuate into the town! I will go to the north gate

immediately!” I ordered roughly.

I don’t have the time to afford to use polite speech anymore.

I quickly changed into my combat uniform, and purchased bows and arrows which I placed on the truck’s carrier. Once that was done, I climbed into the truck seat and left for the north gate.

Even from afar, I could see the residents of the town gathering one after another at the north gate. However, theirs numbers were far from the entire population.

“Make way!” Someone helpfully announced.

The truck advanced through the path formed by the crowd around the north gate.

“Ooh, it is a truck!”

“As long as we have Fujiwara-sama’s truck, then the humans...”

The people murmured amongst themselves as they gazed at the vehicle.

The truck that I drove had become some sort of symbol to them. When they first arrived, they feared this truck. They were afraid of such a huge beast, and had worshipped it. That was the reason why the townspeople felt a sense of security when they saw the figure of the truck.

After I parked the truck behind the north gate, I alighted from it and opened the carrier.

“There are bows and arrows here! Those who can use them should take them!”

Most of them were people who had lived in a world unrelated to farming. Except for the Goblin tribe who mainly lived off trading with humans, using a bow was as easy as a handshake to everyone else .

“The Wolf tribe and I will be by the north gate! The Bird tribe, the Leopard tribe, the Deer tribe, and the Kobold tribe should station themselves at the west gate! The east gate will be guarded by the Boar tribe, the Cat tribe and the Raccoon tribe while the Goblin tribe will be in charge of the supplies! Those who have fast feet should act as messengers! As soon as the camels enter the town with all residents, close the gate! Afterwards, nobody should move until I give further orders!” I instructed everyone without hesitation.

Everyone moved according to my orders without delay since I’ve already trained them during summer. That was why we could move around without any big confusion.

I climbed up the stone wall. In the distance, a thin cloud of rising dust could be seen. Their marching speed was faster than my expectations. Even through the binoculars, it didn’t differ much from looking at them with naked eyes. At most, the cloud of dust just looked a little bigger.

“Is there anyone here who can estimate how many people can create a cloud of dust of that size?” I asked.

“About 300 to 500 cavalrymen!” Someone from the Wolf tribe answered the question immediately.

“300 to 500 cavalrymen, huh...” I muttered while looking at the backpack that I’ve put at the side.

It was packed with all the bullets that I had in my possession.

Before long, the news of all the tribesmen safely entering the town arrived one after another from each of the gates. It was the same with the Wolf tribe too, and Jiharu had arrived next to me.

Then, the enemy force arrived. From a distance of about 300 meters away, the enemy cavalry was lined up intimidatingly. They numbered around 500. All of them wore silver armors that shone brilliantly. The figures of 500 cavalrymen forming a line looked spectacular, just like in the movies.

Then, one man stepped forward from their ranks. With that, some of the wolfmen pulled their bows to the limit, already preparing to shoot him.

“Wait! Don’t shoot before I give any orders!” I yelled quickly.

The Wolf tribe was the tribe which I had associated with longest. That was why I had them here, since we could support each other the best.

“We are the Red Dragon Knights from the Kingdom of Sandra! This land belongs to the kingdom! Thus, the town built on this land belongs to the kingdom as well! Surrender the town now!” The man shouted haughtily, completely without shame.

It was an arrogant demand which was the very proof that they looked down on us.

Of course, I couldn’t possibly accept such a demand. This land and the town were mine.

“You don’t live on this land, but we do! Therefore, this land is ours! This town was built by us! Therefore this town is ours too!” I hollered as loudly as I could.

I don’t have any intentions of handing anything over. Following me, the Wolf tribe also shouted at the enemy.

“That’s right!”

“Get out!”

“Can’t you see that the strongest knights of the Kingdom of Sandra, the Red Dragon Knights, are before you?! If you won’t surrender, we will annihilate all of you!” The man yelled, utterly furious.

[ED: Lmao, you can try. We’ll see what happens.]

But, my response did not change.

“I will say it again no matter how many times I have to repeat myself! This land is where we live! Leave immediately!” I shouted.

“You will regret this!” The man roared in anger.

Seeing that his demand wasn’t fulfilled, he signalled the cavalry and left. As soon as he did, the Wolf tribe became noisy.

“Oi, that’s!?”

“They... They are still there!”

The cause of the clamouring was off in the distance.

“Fu-Fujiwara-sama! A cloud of dust can be seen behind them! The numbers are too many to be counted! Those are not supply troops! They’re reinforcements!” Jiharu reported while trembling in fear.

[TL: Me: look at enemy clustered together at distance, open Town Data,

purchase RPG, shoot at them when they are near.]

[ED: Agreed. Honestly, this MC…]

In the distance, a cloud of dust was spread out, low at the sides.

'Of course.' I thought to myself.

If Frost had told them, then the enemy would know that this town was surrounded by a stone wall. They wouldn't be able to siege the place with just the cavalry. Perhaps those were part of the infantry.

"Please calm down. It's not the time to panic yet." I stated coolly.

I calmed myself down first. First, I need to judge the situation calmly.

That man from a while ago called his corps the Red Dragon Knights. If I were to trust the story that Frost had told me, there are 4 powerful Knight Orders in the Kingdom of Sandra - the Red Dragons, Azure Dragons, Yellow Dragons, and Green Dragons. The Knight Orders seemed to have been named after the 4 ancient dragons, and the Red Dragon Knights was one of them.

It was a Knight Order of venerable origins, so the person to lead them must be of an irreplaceable rank amongst the nobility. That one general who commands over the entire Knight Order... He must be somewhere within the troops.

Moreover, the cavalry troops that were sent here before must have only experienced chasing the beastmen tribes away without fighting. They must have thought that as long as they lined up and barked out demands, things would resolve itself, and the beastmen would surrender automatically. So, the person leading these troops may have wanted to gain an easy merit for themselves.

However, did they ever think that this time, things would end without having to fight as well?

Of course, there is no way I would allow it. But, I wanted to avoid a siege war as much as possible. Then, the only way out was to settle things before the infantry arrives.

I have decided on what steps I have to take. No, it has long been decided. Even though there was a slight difference, the general order of actions are still within my plans.

I unfastened the strap of the rifle from my shoulder. However, my heart beat suddenly sped up.

The thing I will do now. It is obviously an act of murder. When I thought so, a cold shiver ran up my spine. It felt something like being made to stand on high grounds without a proper foothold or lifeline. Even now, my hands and feet feel like they're trembling hard.

But, I need to do it. I had thought that such a time will come one day. The moment of me killing someone, I've already simulated it in my mind many times.

I took a kneeling position to shoot.

I flicked the safety switch, and changed it to rapid fire mode. As for the target, I pointed it towards the man who had asked us to surrender. He had just returned to make a report. He would thus be heading to the place where the commander leading the Knight Order was stationed.

My eyes spotted the enemy general. He was the only young warrior who had taken off his helmet inside the formation. Knowing that the place was outside

the range of arrows, he stood as the vanguard of the troop.

I took aim, and pulled the trigger.

Tatan! Tatan! Two ear-numbing, continuous shots cut through the wasteland.

Along with it, the beastmen twitched in reflex.

It was possible to shoot rapid fire with this rifle, however I had a reason to shoot only twice. It was due to the recoil when I shot the gun which made the barrel swing upwards. If I only shot twice, it would result in less slippage, and still hit the target. However when a third bullet was shot, the barrel would be shaken way off upwards. So far, it had never hit the target when I practiced it. Therefore, I only shot twice.

But, the man who fell victim to the two bullets was the one standing next to the presumed general. The surrounding horses started neighing and bucking, and the cavalrymen panicked in the ensuing confusion.

After the recoil, I aimed at them again, and pulled the trigger again. The one who collapsed was yet another wrong target.

Whenever the sound echoed, someone fell down. The situation within the enemy ranks degenerated as terror spiked. Furthermore, at the echo of the fourth explosive sound, the enemy general was struck down.

But, it was not the end yet. He might not have died yet. The sound of the rifle firing resounded another 6 times.

4 bullets pierced through the earth’s surface, but the two remaining bullets caused flowers of blood to bloom from the enemy general’s body.

Then, the enemy finally noticed. Everyone around the general became victims. Naturally, the soldiers started to distance themselves from the commander.

I put the rifle down and stood up to look at the enemy general through a pair of binoculars.

He didn’t seem even twitch at all, and his arms have been blown off too.

He was dead. I concluded so. A burning sensation was rising up from my stomach.

I forcefully gulped it down, and picked up my rifle again.

One person dismounted from his horse and approached the enemy general. I shot him without hesitation.

I could only feel coldness in my heart.

Since the enemy general had died, he could no longer return to his hometown. All that’s left was for his corpse to be abandoned here.

An unknown offensive ploy resulting in the cruel death of the enemy general. That was my strategy.

Tempting the enemies to retreat, and restraining their way of proceeding southwards afterwards was my first card. Of course, there were other cards up my sleeves as well.

Within my line of vision was another person approaching the enemy general

again, so I shot him down.

Thus, the enemy cavalry finally retreated.